



New Jersey NAACP to celebrate Rosa Parks



Photo by Glenn Frieson

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

NAACP State President Elaine C. Harrington, along with convention chairperson Margaret Chambers, are ready to roll out the red carpet for this year's state convention — "A Grand Finale" of the 20th Anniversary will be held on Sept. 24-26 at the Radisson in Fairfield.

This grandiose event will honor the "Mother of the 20th Century Civil Rights Movement," Rosa Parks at 7 p.m. on Friday at the gala awards banquet. She will be presented as the host of "New Jersey's Own" who have been invited to receive Special Celebrity Awards. Other branches of the NAACP throughout the state and volunteers including youth will be recognized also.

Workshop sessions focusing on issues relative to empowering communities have been planned with an emphasis on education. Census 2000, NAACP Leadership, political participation and police relations. These sessions are designed to spawn resolutions that are expected to be approved at this year's convention. These resolutions will navigate the projected and future action for the N.J. State Conference of the NAACP.

Julian Bond, Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP and staunch Civil Rights activist will be the featured speaker at Saturday's Corporate and Business Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. This segment of the convention will honor those businesses which have been supportive of the NAACP, along with Convention Underwriters. The election of State Officers and Executive Committee Members is also on tap for Saturday.

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democracy work in this nation," said Harrington. "Recognizing and thanking Mrs. Rosa Parks is the historical, cultural, political, moral and correct action for the N.J. State Conference of NAACP."

With a focus on the future, the NAACP Youth Councils and College Division Units will focus on and target concerns facing youth of today. Training sessions will provide appropriate tools and strategies for youth empowerment as they participate in and activate the contemporary civil rights agenda. Appropriately, the oldest black Civil Rights organization will conclude with a worship service.

For further details and ticket information and reservations, call (973) 874-1174 or (732) 381-0845.

Booker's gonna work it out

By Jean Pierce
Staff Writer

NEWARK — In an effort to rid many of Newark's housing projects of poor maintenance, drugs, and crime, Councilman Cory Booker recently stepped to the plate to end this erosion by camping outside one of the city's worst housing facility—Garden Spire.

Booker, along with volunteers from area religious and community groups and law enforcement, spent a week holding court at the Garden Spire Apartments parking lot.

The agenda was to take back the building from the negative element that has plagued the 20-story complex for years. Booker, who conceived the idea, feels something has to be done.

"The people are sick and tired of being sick and tired of the conditions in this building," said Booker. "Something drastic has to be done because tenants live in fear."

During the week long stay, Booker and his volunteers heard the concerns and cries the residents have in regard to the building's climate. For Mabel Jones, it was time to let out some steam. "I can't take the drugs! The shootings! The harassment! It's



Photo by Glenn Frieson

Newark Councilman Cory Booker and residents greet supporters of Booker's first demonstration against drugs, crime and deplorable conditions for Newark's public housing residents.

scary walking in and out of this building everyday," said Jones, who has lived in the building since 1981. "I don't know how much I can take at my age. God is pulling me through."

The shootings, drug dealing, and harassment is not the only problem, the

buildings deplorable interior and outside maintenance has been many of the tenants' common complaint.

Malfunctioning elevators, mice and roaches in the apartments and broken glass spread throughout the parking lot, has made it unsafe and unhealthy for

everyone, especially children who play there.

"People have been complaining for years for change in the buildings, but the owners would ignore it," said Chris Rogers. "This is very helpful. If he (Booker) didn't do this, everything would still be the same."

Booker and his staff also offered several activities and workshops including a group session with the youth of Garden Spire.

"The youth need an open dialogue to voice their opinion about the issues affecting them," said 35-year-old Munirah Bonani, volunteer youth coordinator who created Group Dynamics for this reason. "We want them to feel empowered through recreation, life-skills, and tutorial programs that will shape their lives."

Booker plans on targeting other apartment complexes in the city that are going through the same situation with crime and drugs. For eight-year-old Cheryl Hill, she hopes the bad guys don't come back.

"I would like to live in an area where I'm not worried about being shot," said Hill. "Do they ever think about the kids. I'm human too."

'They just took my son's life. I want theirs.'



Photo by William Frazer

Earl Faison's step-mother, Sagirah Williams urged cops to confess.

Mothers labor tirelessly to stop rash of unjust killings

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

Sagirah Williams wept bitterly for Earl Faison from the start of the prayer vigil that dominated the Orange Police headquarters on Thursday August 19.

"After the prayers, the quiet step-mother had a chance to speak but simply looked at her feet and shook her head from side to side. A supporter said, 'She can't talk right now.'"

Faison, an aspiring rapper, was killed in April in the custody of Orange Police. Arrested on legal possession of a handgun, he was suspected of killing Officer Joyce Carnegie, a popular policewoman whose murder sparked a wide manhunt that spun thoroughly out of control. Her confessed killer, a local man with no resemblance to Faison, was convicted of the murder last spring.

Faison, 27, was beaten and robbed while in handcuffs, one Orange policeman told federal investigators, according to news reports. Then, despite his chronic asthma — and police claims that he was maced during a struggle and collapsed

later on — he was reportedly suffocated by pepper spray applied to his nose and mouth.

Crying, Faison's fiancée, Mikki Wilkins, turned furious during the vigil. She screamed about the pain his death has brought, and that the family never received an apology. "The real victims are my ... kids!" she

"When they (Faison's children) see a cop, they say 'Mommy, is that the one who beat my daddy?' she screamed."

said of their four children, ages 1 through 4, who were at the vigil. "Just look at his son here, looking just like him."

When they see a cop, they say "Mommy, is that the one who beat my daddy?" she screamed.

The crowd yelled repeatedly, "We demand an apology! We

demand an apology!"

Some 80 protesters marched up the steps, and as many as were able, into the tiny lobby, repeating their demand.

The next day, deceased Essex County Prosecutor Patricia Hurt resigned. Hurt had refused to apologize for the badly botched Carnegie investigation.

Orange Police Director Richard Conte said Orange's own brutality probe was taken over by the U.S. Attorney's office and that Orange has cooperated. OPD "does not condone misconduct and will take any and all appropriate action should the facts substantiate wrongdoing," he said in a written statement.

Numerous members of the Coalition Against Police Brutality, dozens of grassroots organizations sponsoring the demonstration, demanded strong police review boards to monitor local police and State Troopers. They plan a demonstration at the State Police Barracks in Bloomfield at noon Saturday, August 28, exactly 36 years from the 1963 March on Washington.

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Newark schools get \$1.2 million technology boost

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

The Newark Public Schools last week got back \$1.2 million of the telecommunications bills paid to Bell Atlantic.

With 87 percent of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, it is no surprise that Newark is entitled to reimbursements of about 85 percent of the "phone" bills it has paid for various services to connect schools and libraries to the Internet and to the various sites in the 82-school system.

Last year, the school district paid about \$1.4 million for telecommunications services alone.

What may surprise many is that Newark, well along in its ambitious long-term plan to provide the best of cutting-edge computing and distance learning, well outpaces many suburban districts.

"The superintendent is committed to introduce as much learning technology as makes sense," said Paul Mailoux, the head of the school system's information services department.

At the Wilson Avenue Elementary School, for instance, there are plenty of computers and Internet technology to tie them together.

There, "the kids are unimpaired by all the computer technology," says Superintendent Marion Bolden. "So, they're helping the teachers to move along."

"Districts that you'd think would be way ahead of Newark in technology are way behind," said Richard H. Smith, senior account manager at Bell Atlantic's Network Services division.

All the schools should be that way, Bolden said, adding that already, all 6th, 7th and 8th-grade class have three or four computers, she noted. "We have to get beyond stand-alone (computer) labs."

But the fact is that districts with just a few poor students (under 1 percent) can only get reimbursed for about 20 percent of the phone bills they pay.

Smith said a great many districts have not bothered to apply for the funds, "and it's just sitting there waiting for them."

But Mailoux doggedly carried the program to fruition, said Deputy Superintendent Anzela Neims.

Bell Atlantic Regional Vice President Kathleen Sullivan has followed Newark's arduous, steady progress through arduous meetings and negotiations to, finally, millions. "It takes a lot of coordination to get that to hap-



Newark Public Schools Superintendent Marion Bolden

pen," she said after presenting the check in a special meeting.

Many districts have invested large sums in older technology and are held back by the need to

upgrade and work around them, Mailoux said.

About 2 1/4 years ago, Mailoux continued, "From a technical standpoint, we were unfortu-

nate that we had nothing, but we were fortunate because we had nothing. We didn't have to integrate things with what was already installed."

The money, from the Universal Service Fund established by

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the Clinton-Gore Act of 1996, is the first installment to come through Bell Atlantic.

Newark already has applied for another \$473,265 for the first half of 1999, and expects to get it. In all, the district expects to receive nearly \$3 million more, including reimbursements from Bell Atlantic, AT&T, Compaq, VanStar, and Ciber Inc.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

EAST BRUNSWICK — Home Depot Hardware Store hosts a free "how-to-do" seminar on installing a lockset: 7 p.m. (732) 257-2800.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts a silver anniversary celebration of the Preliminary Council of New Jersey: 1 p.m. (973) 599-6638.

HOLMDEL — The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will feature Paul Drew, author and former combat infantryman, Vietnam Era Educational Center.

Exit 116 off the Garden State Parkway, adjacent to the PNC Bank Arts Center: 7 p.m. (732) 535-0033.

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York hosts an exhibit on the life of actor/activist Paul Robeson. Call (212) 534-1672 for time and information.

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Museum of Art hosts an exhibit of the Annenberg Collection of drawings and paintings. Call (212) 570-3561 for time and information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

EAST BRUNSWICK — Home Depot Hardware Store hosts a free "how-to-do" seminar in placing solder for homes: 7 p.m. (732) 257-2800.

PRINCETON — The Metropolitan Museum of Art hosts its Second Annual Golf Classic at the Princeton Country Club: 10 a.m. (800) 993-5933.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

EAST BRUNSWICK — The Home Depot Hardware Store hosts a free "how-to-do" seminar in laying and measuring patio pavers: 7 p.m. (732) 257-2800.

SUSSEX — The Sussex Air Show is a day long celebration of world-class planes and flying with some of the best pilots in the world at Sussex Airport through Aug. 29. Call (973) 675-7337 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents the Black Widow Blues Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Lunchtime Concert Series: 12 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

BEIJER — The annual New Jersey Road Race brings thousands of New Jersey residents together for the laid back to competitive runner at the Beijer Chamber of Commerce to the

oceanfront. Call (732) 681-2900 for time and information.

SOMERSET — The Second Annual East Coast Large Scale Train Show takes place at the Garden State Exhibit Center through Aug. 29: 10 a.m. (732) 469-4000.

SOMERSET — The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens is offering activities for seniors during the summer heat wave at Bussy Hall and Bowman Auditorium: 10 a.m. (732) 628-2009.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

SEASIDE HEIGHTS — The annual Barnegat Bay Crab Race and Festival returns with fun, games, food, and entertainment for the whole family at Veterans Field. Call (732) 349-0220 for time and information.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Center hosts a film festival to all seniors: 12:30 p.m. (908) 753-3505.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Annual John Shippen Memorial Golf Tournament takes place at the Shadokanox Country Club. Call (908) 322-5486 for time and information.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

LINCOLN — The Monmouth County Park System will host a trip to the American Museum of Natural History. Call (732) 842-4000 for time and information.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Senior Citizens Service Center hosts a birthday for seniors born in August: 1:30 p.m. (908) 753-3505.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

CRANFORD — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid: 6 p.m. (908) 709-7141.

BROOKLYN, NY — The Annual West Indian Day Parade is a honored tradition bringing all the Caribbean islands together for this joyous celebration. It starts at Eastern Parkway and ends at Flatbush Ave. Call (718) 467-1757 for time and information.

NEW YORK — The American Museum of Natural History hosts an exhibit on infectious disease through Sept. 6. Call (212) 769-9300 for time and information.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

PLAINFIELD — Union County College hosts a workshop on financial aid: 6 p.m. (908) 709-7141.

Bloomfield College names new vice-president



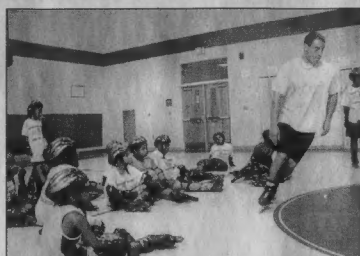
BLOOMFIELD — Linda C. Epps of Newark was recently named Vice-President for College Relations at Bloomfield College in Bloomfield. In her role as vice-president, Epps will be responsible for directing the institution's development efforts and related public relations and alumni activities. Epps joined Bloomfield College in 1975 as a tutor in the Upward Bound Program. In 1980, she became the program's Assistant Director and Curriculum Coordinator. She helped create the Student Training Empowerment Program (STEP), which nurtures student leadership and responsibility roles. She is also the founder of the school's Urban Mission Project, in which she helps students use the arts to portray Newark's history.

Woodard is "Employee of the Month" for August

NEWARK — Recently Robert Woodard was awarded "Employee of the Month" honors by the City of Newark. Woodard, a Newark native, graduated from Malcolm X Shabazz High School and attended Virginia Union University. He began his career with the City of Newark's Budget Office in 1983. Later, he transferred to the Division of Tax Abatement and Special Taxes where he has remained since. Woodard is also a volunteer for the local Pop Warner Football team where he's the Assistant Defensive Coach. He helped the team finish fourth in the nation.



Monmouth County brings recreation to urban communities



ASSBURY PARK — Recently a group of youngsters from Monmouth County attended an in-line skating clinic in as part of the county's summer Mobile Recreation Program. Initiated earlier this year by the County Park System's, the Mobile Recreation Program gives kids in urban communities recreational opportunities that work with and complements local urban recreation programs. Not content to just bring recreational opportunities to the youngsters, the Park System also brings the youngsters to the county parks and beaches. Pictured here is Joe Lopresti (right) demonstrating the finer points of in-line skating to the children attending the summer program at the Bradley Elementary School in Assbury Park.

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National Briefs

JACKSON SAYS STOP USING CIVILIANS AS TARGET PRACTICE

CHICAGO — Outraged that the U.S. military has refused to stop bombing a 52-story office building in Puerto Rico — where 8,000 U.S. citizens live under threat of being killed by friendly fire, the Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr. traveled to the small Caribbean island last week to stand with Puerto Rican leaders in a cry for an end to the military training there.

Several weeks ago one civilian was killed and four others were injured when a Marine F/A-18 dropped two 500-pound bombs near their work area.

Since the date, protesters have staged protests and sit-ins at bombing targets to bring attention to the plight of the people of Puerto Rico, who are in danger of being killed. Like the District of Columbia, Puerto Ricans citizens have no role in Congress.

LEADERS UNVEIL PLAN FOR TRIBUTE TO JAMES FARMER

WASHINGTON — A group of congressmen recently unveiled plans to remember CORE founder James Farmer Sept. 10 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Civil rights pioneer, Farmer founded the Congress of Racial Equality.

Those on the committee include Rep. John Lewis (Ga.), the honorary chair, Rep. James Clyburn (S.C.), District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, Rep. Major Owens (N.Y.), Rep. Bobby Scott (Va.), Rep. Bobby Filner (Calif.), Rep. Max Sandlin (Texas) and Rep. Bennie Thompson (Miss.).

Mothers fight for their sons

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In Orange, Mrs. Williams said she asks for an apology, but not aid involved in the incident to own up to it. "They just took my son's life. I want them," she told City News. Family members had maintained that Faison was beaten by police.

"I know they won't get lethal injection, but they should lose the life they have. They should get life in prison."

Police brutality is not unusual, said father Earl Williams. "It's all over the country." One local boy's story is somewhat similar. Not one day after the popular learned of the unnamed police officer's shocking arrest, Tommie Martin was stopped by police Sgt. C. Young in the area of a stolen car. Tommie, 15, put up his hands "as per protocol," his Newark attorney and coattail Maury Winkler told the gathering. He was knocked by his already-ailing knees, slammed against a car and thrown into the police car, Winkler said as Tommie looked on, his right arm in a sling. He was treated for a dislocated shoulder at an Orange hospital that early Wednesday morning, Winkler said.

Other police brutality arose in memory when the group of nearly 100, after praying in various languages, became angry. They shouted the names of Max Antoine, beaten by four Irvington cops in 1997; Stanton Crew, fatally shot 27 times by State Troopers in June for allegedly running away from a traffic stop in Dover; and Amadou Diallo, an African immigrant shot 19 times by white NYPD officers last February.

Tommie, whose joint condition forced him often to walk on crutches, will finally miss school next month — trying to use them with a dislocated shoulder is agony.

His mother, Kym Iby, sounded worried during an interview with City News. Raising African-American sons, the mother of four said, is an everyday struggle with whether he'll make it through the school day and whether he'll come home if he does... Crying when he's 10 or 15 minutes late."

South African hospitals face crisis

By Pamela Thege

JOHANNESBURG (NNPA) — It is a rough time to be poor and sick in South Africa's richest province, Gauteng, because the country's public hospitals are in crisis.

Africa's largest hospital, the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto, has over 3,000 beds and caters to more than two million people from the township and surrounding areas.

But, the hospital, known as "Baru," has neither enough doctors nor nurses to cope with demands. The same grim picture can be seen at Johannesburg General, known as the "Gen." It is an ugly conglomeration of squat concrete buildings high on a leafy ridge overlooking South Africa's main highway to the north.

Before democratic elections in 1994, the "Gen" mostly catered to whites, while "Baru" was the main hospital for blacks. All that changed with the end of apartheid. Poor people of all races are now admitted to both hospitals.

Both hospitals have also experienced massive budget and staff losses. Doctors and nurses have departed for

the more lucrative positions within the private sector, and they have been forced to limit their services.

Senior staff at these and other area hospitals recently took the unprecedented step of issuing public statements warning that patients will be unnecessarily, some words will be closed, and casualty admissions will be stopped.

Their press conferences have reverberated around the country and caused a huge uproar.

Johannesburg's main newspapers carried banner headlines: "Wards of Death" and "Condemned to Die."

There were pictures of babies in incubators who would stop breathing because they lacked ventilators, reports of badly injured people treated after many hours of waiting in emergency rooms, and shortages of equipment, drugs and bandages.

Joanne Collinge, head of public relations at the Gauteng Health Department, said part of the problem is that previous administrations were not forced to stick to their budgets, so overspending became part of public hospital culture.

In addition, burgeoning crime has

placed an enormous burden on them. Previously, most crime-related injuries were stab wounds, which affected only one organ.

Now, they are treating mostly gunshot wounds, which often affect four or more organs, putting a greater demand on surgeons in Johannesburg, Africa's most dangerous city.

Treating AIDS patients has also placed strain on hospital budgets. More than 40 percent of people admitted to public hospitals are seriously ill. Since the epidemic proportions of the disease were not anticipated, adequate funds were not allocated for treatment, officials said.

Meanwhile, incoming Health Minister Dr. Manto Tshabala-Matshengulwe had few words of comfort.

"There's inflexibility in health management and staff are unfamiliar with how to spend money effectively and efficiently," she said. "It's common knowledge that some health workers sit on the phone chatting. There's scope for creativity, not just complaining. We need to develop a work ethic."

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U.S. opposes International Criminal Court

NEW YORK (APC) — The United States remains opposed to the International Criminal Court (ICC) — even though, more than a year ago, 120 governments voted to set up such a body to prosecute genocide cases and major war crimes.

Jesse Helms, the Republican

chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, dismissed the ICC as "dead on arrival."

Other U.S. officials have warned that, unless governments supporting the ICC address their concerns about the scope of the Court's power, Washington would oppose it.

However, the Court's supporters appeared upbeat that a sufficient number of governments would ratify the agreement possibly as early as two years from now.

That would allow the court's rulings to be enforced without U.S. support, supporters said.

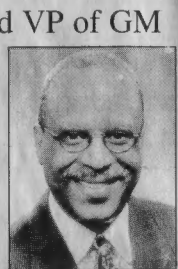
Under its rules, the Court can operate after the U.N. Security Council ref is a case to its jurisdiction.

Otherwise, it can only act after the Court's prosecutor is given a green by the nation where a crime is committed, or from the home country of the suspected criminal or victim.

Sixty countries must ratify the ICC statute before it can be considered in force.

So far, 83 countries have signed the statute, but 79 of those countries will have to go through the full ratification process.

Late last month Italy joined Senegal, Trinidad and Tobago and San Marino in ratifying the ICC statute.



James Farmer

Farmer named VP of GM

DETROIT — James E. Farmer was appointed vice president of Merchandising, Advertising and Communications for General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) last month.

Farmer is responsible for GMAC's advertising and lead-generation activities, media and public relations, internal and dealer communications and relationship marketing.

He will spearhead the development, implementation and integration strategies to support GMAC financial service initiatives.

Farmer joined GM in 1976 at Delco Products Division in Dayton, Ohio. He came with nearly 10 years of advertising, sales and marketing at Chrysler Corporation's Airtemp Division in Dayton.

Farmer is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the International Association of Business Communicators, the National Association of Black Journalists, the Capital Press Club, and of numerous automotive press associations.

Farmer also is a board member of the American Society of African Americans (ASAA), a member of 100 Black Men of America, corporate liaison to The Council on Competitiveness, Washington, D.C., and a member of the United Negro College Fund board.

Vaccine may pry open embargo for Cuba

HAVANA (IPS) — A Cuban vaccine for meningitis could find its way onto pharmacy shelves in the United States, opening a crack in the trade embargo Washington has imposed on Cuba since 1961.

According to Washington sources, President Bill Clinton's government agreed to authorize the British firm, SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, to market the Cuban anti-meningitis vaccine, VA-MENGOC-BC, in the

United States. Produced by the country's Carlos J. Finlay Institute, the anti-meningococcus vaccine is already exported to 12 countries.

It became part of the National Immunization Program of Cuba's Public Health Ministry in 1991.

Proven safe and effective in preventing meningitis outbreaks, it is administered in two doses — the first at age 3.5 months, and the second at 5.5 months.

Auto Expo will discuss marketing to minorities

LAS VEGAS — The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has partnered with the African American on Wheels (AAOW) magazine to conduct special workshops on marketing to minorities during the 1999 SEMA Show, Nov. 2-5 at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas.

"We have found a way to attract more minority businesspeople to our industry, and we are excited about work-

ing with AAOW to reach a broader audience," said Charles R. Blum, SEMA president.

AAOW Editor and Publisher Randi Payton will moderate two of the 70 seminars planned for the convention: "Marketing to Minorities" on Nov. 3 and "Exploring Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Minorities in the Aftermarket" on Nov. 4. For information on the SEMA Show, call (909) 396-0289.

Court allows Civil Rights groups to intervene in lawsuit

DETROIT — A federal appeals court recently ruled black and Latino high school students have a "direct and substantial" interest in the outcome of a lawsuit over the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies.

"We are gratified that the Appellate Court has ensured that the voices of black and Latino students will be heard in this case that ultimately may determine their educational futures," said Theodore M. Shaw, Associate Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals recently reversed a lower court's denial of a motion to intervene, a detail handed down by a district court in Michigan.

The motion had been filed by a coalition that includes the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the Citizens for Affirmative Action's Preservation (a group of Detroit-area parents, students, individuals, and organizations), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The coalition filed the motion on behalf of all the African-American and Latino students.

Their motion asserted the argument that intervention should be granted because African-American and Latino students had a substan-

tial interest in intervening in the lawsuit, known as Gratz et al. v. Bollinger.

In the lawsuit, two white students denied admission to the University claim that the University's admission policies violate the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Clause and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

But although the plaintiffs claim to support equal opportunity, the coalition members argued that through their lawsuit the white students have, in effect, launched an all-out attack on one of the fairest, most effective tools for ending discrimination. The Sixth Circuit Court recently accepted the coalition's argument.

The court holds that, if the plaintiffs were to prevail in their suit, "there is little room for doubt that access to the University for African-American and Latino students will be impaired to some extent and a substantial decline in the enrollment of these students may well result."

The court also agreed with the coalition that "the University is not to prevent the University from discrimination by the University itself or of the disparate impact of some current admissions criteria, and their motion asserted the argument that intervention should be granted because African-American and Latino students had a substan-

Amnesty Int'l names first black chairwoman of board

NEW YORK — Amnesty International USA (AUSA), the nation's leading human rights organization, elected its first African-American woman to head its board of directors.

Julianne Cartwright Traylor, a veteran grassroots activist and educator from Oakland, Calif., succeeds attorney Paul Hoffman to head the 18-member national board.

"I feel extremely honored to have been elected to this post," Traylor said.

"I will be a strong advocate for human rights education and training, U.S. ratification of international human rights treaties, promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, and multicultural

organizational development issues." "I will work to raise the profile of AUSA within the African-American community and other communities of color."

In addition to the many positions she has held within AUSA, Traylor founded the Human Rights Advocates (HRA), and has done advocacy work in China, Zimbabwe, Norway and Switzerland.

Traylor holds a bachelor of arts degree in government from Skidmore College and a master's of arts degree in political science from the University of California-Berkeley.

She has also received extensive training in international law and international human rights law here and abroad.

2000 Minority Business Directory & Black Pages

In anticipation of the new millennium, City News Publishing Company introduces the **2000 Minority Business Directory & Black Pages**, a directory of minority and women-owned businesses and companies committed to doing business with the public and private sectors.

The Directory features listings and advertising as well as provides a resource guide for minority entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs to help facilitate starting and maintaining a business.

A new feature for this year will be a directory of consumer-oriented businesses and organizations, making the directory valuable to the corporate, public and consumer communities and greatly extending the visibility of all those who list or advertise.

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The gift of life—honoring the birth of a newborn through the guise of a baby shower. "A baby shower is one of the blackest of the blackest things," I have heard people to honor a dear friend. Besides both events occurring on the same day and I had the pleasure of attending them both, I found it quite ironic that, life, was the main reason everyone showed up. We often take life for granted, because we get so caught up in the minutiae of life that we forget what's really important. And it's certainly not about all the mirthful and material things we tend to think are the most important aspects of living. Don't get me wrong; money is a good thing—it's just not the most important thing, if you get my drift. Stay with me on this. Love and family, yes, but what is all about being the best person you can be each and every day by demonstrating and extending love to family and friends. We all love babies and as parents and adults we're the ones responsible for nurturing these precious souls. But how can we effectively nurture the little ones without causing some kind of adverse effect in their lives if we haven't gotten it straight ourselves. Just like the other day, my daughter attended her girl friend's "Sweet 16" birthday party, the gift we purchased came from a cheap discount store with the store's name emblazoned on the bag. Last minute Aimee is what my mother has always called me, so I don't have time to take the gift home and wrap it. At first I told my daughter to take the gift out of the bag and just present it to her friend as is, but then I thought about it and I instructed her to place it back in the bag and give it to her. Now I would have sent my daughter all kind of wrong ideas! I went with the first plan—superficial. It didn't matter where the gift came from, what mattered was the thought. In a fleeting moment life bursts onto the scene and in a moment it can be over. We waste a lot of energy and precious bits of importance on things that when it's all said and done, won't mean a thing. Now the birthday celebration I attended was like in other. All the guys were decked out in tuxedos and the ladies in their finest gowns. We were celebrating my friend's life, who is fighting with all the courage and grace he can muster to stay alive, once being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's disease. He has helped me put life and living in illuminating perspective. He'd made money and things for a breath of life any day. And that's real. So the next time you start wringing out over those things you swear are so important—get a grip, take a deep breath and count your blessings!

From politics to protest

By De Manning Marable

More than three decades ago, Bayard Rustin, the principal architect of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, D.C., suggested that the time had come for the Civil Rights Movement to move away from its focus on civil disobedience to economic boycotts and social protest.

The passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act had created the conditions for African Americans to make the transition "from protest to politics."

The goal was no longer to pack the jails, but to move into the halls of the election of black officials. In a 1966 essay in *Commentary*, "Black Power and Coalition Politics," Rustin urged the end of the Democratic Party—the party of progress."

Since the passage of the Voting Rights Act, the number of black elected officials nationwide has soared from barely one hundred to ten thousand; the "number of African Americans in Congress has increased eight-fold; and the number of black judges, federal judges, state judges, and local judges has increased five-fold. The number of black members of the U.S. military, millions of black, have joined the military and are being deployed by the 2-party system and by conservative government policies pushed by both the "Contract with America" Republican-led Congress and the "new Democrats" represented by President Clinton.

Today, the leading candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, Gov. George W. Bush of Texas, has a substantial lead in public opinion polls over Vice President Al Gore. There is some speculation that the New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley would be a stronger Democratic challenger against Bush. This political uncertainty at the national level is why it is crucial that the question of whether Bush, Gore or Bradley will succeed Clinton as president in White House is really the wrong question.

Given the Clinton-Gore administration's disappointing record on issues like welfare "reform" and health care, it will be extremely difficult to convince more than 40 percent of the black registered to turn out in November 2000. Most likely, the "Dinkins" nurse electoral defeat by Rudolph Giuliani in the 1993 mayoral race in New York City, it may be impossible to secure Democratic "core voters" into voting for a politician who does little to inspire their hopes for a better life.

There are Bush. Clearly such differences are real and undeniable, especially perhaps to the secular left. Nor am I saying that electoral politics is unimportant. I'm only suggesting to remember when the vast majority of African Americans could not vote, and I do not notate in the least for Jim Crow segregation.

It is, rather, the overemphasis on electoralism itself, at the expense of other forms of political engagement,

Unanswered questions haunt Atlanta child case

By Barbara Reynolds

Almost 20 years after Wayne Williams' conviction in the notorious Atlanta child murders—during which people died—evidence is surfacing that may prove Williams innocent.

Recently, the Georgia Supreme Court ordered a federal judge to hear the case because of his lawyer's claims of prosecutor misconduct and ineffective trial lawyers.

Williams was arrested in 1981 of killing two white students in 1981. However, police said evidence linked him to the murders of 30 others. At the time, he seemed an unlikely suspect. At 23, he was the only son of an Atlanta public school teacher and was vigorously pursuing a career as a performing artist. Williams, 28, was also slightly built and appeared an unsuitable match for strapping guys much bigger and older than he. The case against him was literally built on shreds/fibers from carpets, dog hairs and a bedspread. Despite the flimsy evidence, Atlanta's Black establishment wanted to close the case, hoping not to taint its reputation. Williams is now serving two life sentences.

Two years ago, attorney W. Mark Whaley has been fighting Williams pro bono. He says evidence clearly shows his client is innocent, and he's raising the case through DNA testing that will buttress his case.

"We've got public here. We've got head hair. We've got dog hair. We've got fibers from the carpet. We've got things rule out Williams. Now the science is irrefutable. So the evidence Whaley says will eventually prove Williams innocent."

"The prosecution withheld from the defense a Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) file which implicated Williams in the case. It was also to kill young black males and females. This included a taped confession of a Klan member to the murder of one of the youths Williams was accused of killing."

"The prosecutor misled the jury by presenting testimony that dog hair found on the bodies of 28 was a key to kill young black males and females. This included a taped confession of a Klan member to the murder of one of the youths Williams was accused of killing."

"Evidence by the son of one of the victims that his father was in the

company of another man—who was not Williams—was withheld. There were also Caucasian hairs found on some of the Black made victims."

Whaley's assurance of his client's vindication is based upon what he describes as the overwhelming evidence of criminal conduct by the state in withholding volumes of evidence from Williams' trial lawyers, which would have resulted in an acquittal.

"The reviewing Georgia Supreme Court ruled that Williams was not mislead caused by it in 1984 when it had originally granted Williams a new trial in the appeal of the conviction. The court reversed itself on the 11th hour for a reason which has remained a mystery for the past 14 years. The current court, based on the evidence, reversed itself, ruling either a new trial or dismiss the indictment against Williams," Whaley said.

Others, however, who have studied the Williams case, cling to his guilt. For example, Northeastern Illinois University professor Bernard Healy says the physical evidence, such as bed spreads, towels and fingerprints—clearly linked Williams to the victims. Healey is the author of *The Atlanta Youth Murders and the Politics of Race*.

Nevertheless, the evidence always seemed a mystery to me. For example, during nearly two months of testimony, no witnesses said they actually saw Williams hurt, threaten or kill anyone. Nor did he acknowledge that the Black Atlanta establishment didn't want to raise the issue of the KKK involvement in the murder of the youths. Whaley didn't want a trial over their heads."

Whaley said that the Black establishment is covering up the facts of the case. "Williams was jailed, the child murders continued, as well as killings of Black women."

"Williams' conviction, and eventual sentencing, was not a defect in the system of justice, but of the criminal conduct of many employees of that system who have covered up the truth of what human being in order to save the reputation of 'city,' said Whaley."

If Whaley is correct then the real murder of the city's Black youth, possibly the KKK, are still viable in Atlanta. That should be a comforting thought even to Atlanta's Black establishment. Note who wants to contact Whaley may call (404) 669-0001.

The search for an independent Jesse

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

In my first run for the presidency in 1988, my campaign slogan was "Two Roads are Better Than One." "Two Roads" referred to my support for the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Party nomination for President—the first road. My independent campaign, in which I became the first woman to be sworn in as first woman in U.S. history to get on the ballot in all 50 states, was the second road.

The premise of the "Two Roads" plan was that Black Americans needed an independent alternative to the Democratic Party. It was going to be a new movement. We truly find a road to empowerment. We need an independent Jesse.

Jackson had promised both in 1988 and 1992 that there would be no "black tickets" to the Democratic Party, implying that a Black and progressive concerns were not sufficiently addressed by the Democratic Party. He would become an independent. But Jackson never made good on that promise even though the Democrats moved further and further away from rights and reform agenda. He ultimately left his wagon to the Democratic Party, settling for becoming a powerbroker on behalf of an increasingly disempowered Black constituency.

Meanwhile, I continued my search for an independent Jesse, a leader who would not be beholden to the political establishment or the hypocrisy of the two-party establishment would inspire new coalitions that Black Americans need.

In the decade that followed Jackson's surrender to Clinton, Gore and the Democratic Party, a new political reform movement and national party—the Reform Party—were born. The Democrats, most especially the liberals, and the new movement.

They had long vilified me for being an independent. And, according to most liberals, Ross Perot and the 20 million people who voted for him were neo-fascists. Up from the bottom population was too much of a threat for the Democrats.

They wanted to assure that their core constituencies—labor, progressives and African Americans—would stay away from the new independent movement and its focus on ending the political process. The best way to do that was to paint the independents and the Reform Party as right-wing, even though they opposed the Democratic Party manipulation and joined forces with the Perot movement, create that new neo-progressive population and I brought many other Black and progressive activists with

me in the process.

Then along came Jesse Ventura. Ventura, a Vermont state legislator, Governor race into a showcase for Reform Party candidate and won. And he was the first elected governor to endorse the Reform Party.

Initially, Ventura was greeted with the same disdain by the media as the wing Democrats that Perot had been. In a typical post-election magazine profile, Harper's writer Dennis Coats depicted Ventura as a "bizarre kind of neo-militarist entertainer-turned-sensationalist."

But the media is often the last to figure out what's really going on when ordinary people do something that breaks the mold. Ventura is no right-winger, nor from it. He is a populist. He appeals to Americans' sense of fairness (anti-death penalty, pro-fairness, pro-gay rights) and to our desire for pragmatic democracy. He is outspoken on political reform and the inclusion of all people in the political process. He's the independent Jesse.

Now liberal commentators are starting to change their tune, perhaps because the prospect of Al Gore is just too depressing, even if it is only because the Reform Party is now a possibility. "I have continued to grow in spite of their efforts to derail it," Columnist Alexander Cockburn and Gary Wills wrote in the *New York Review of Books* last month. "Ventura is a left populist. Cockburn recently wrote:

"Ventura's anti-establishment, pro-people, anti-two party populism and populism have broken through the liberal media's scorn. At least for the moment. At the Reform Party convention in Dearborn, Michigan several weeks ago, Ventura's candidate for party chairman, Jack Gargan, was elected by 65 percent of the delegates, many of whom supported Gargan in my urging. I myself narrowly lost the bid to vice chair 190 to 145, losing 15 percent on the third ballot. Ventura is leading the race in the first two rounds of voting. And the convention—diverse and democratic—placed political reform squarely at the center of its agenda for the 2000 presidential race. So, my search for an independent Jesse is underway. How about you? There's room for everyone."

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for president of the U.S. as an independent. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party.

One man, one vote is not only for the rich

By the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

The citizens of Mississippi cannot afford a caucus, never mind a president. They are just too poor. The same is true for just many other states, where the gap between the rich and poor has widened in recent years.

Mississippi Senator Trent Lott might move his votes from the citizens in the Magnolia State, but he receives his vote from the wealthy, in other places, like New York and California. This may explain why the nation's most powerful senator represents a state where one third of its residents live below the poverty level.

Mississippi is a state with crumbling infrastructure and outdated schools, yet Mr. Lott voted against a bill that would have modernized public schools. This is a state where many of the citizens are just as hardworking and patriotic as American citizens, but they have to live in shacks. For all that, many have no health insurance. Mr. Lott is not controlled by the wealthy to fill their campaign checks, voted just a few days ago to use some of the country's \$99 billion surplus to reduce taxes for the wealthy rather than provide health care coverage for the 50 million Americans who have no insurance.

This kind of leadership by our nation's elected officials is disgraceful. And this is what makes the news that the Republican Party is now raising the stakes for its top donors to contribute \$1 million to the party. These donors will be more observing the nation's first \$2 billion election.

While the money provides access for the million and slanders to influence our political parties and leaders, it undercuts the power of the Democratic lean, one man, one vote. For ordinary people, the money is a barrier to their influence in the political process, this option appears to be going out of the country. And what disturbs us is that few elected officials from either party are stepping firmly to the plate to address this serious issue.

Government of by and for the people should not be trampled under an avalanche of cash. Government, of by and for the rich is the undoubted outcome.

Strong families equals strong healthy children

By Marian Wright Edelman

Sometimes it seems, the obvious must be restated, simply to remind people of what they already know. I thought of this recently when in the White House, where I met with the release from the U.S. Department of Justice and information from the Family Resource Coalition of

the results of a Chicago-based organization. Both were making a point that should not be stressed too many times in a society and country that does not put children first.

The solutions to many of society's problems will grow in a garden seeded with this one core truth: Children do best in families that are able to draw strength and assistance, when necessary, from their communities.

The Department of Justice press release announced the findings of a RAND Corporation study of a program in Elmhurst, N.Y., called Prenatal and Early Childhood Home Visitation. This 15-year-old program allows for prenatal and early-childhood home visits by trained nurses to help with first-time mothers and their babies.

Nurses visit participating mothers every week or two during their pregnancy and continue the visits until the child is four years old.

During the visits, nurses teach pregnant young women about the importance of prenatal nutrition and health, the best effects of drugs and alcohol, help new mothers with postpartum recovery, and teach them about infant care.

The study found that youths whose mothers participated in the program were 55 percent less likely to be arrested than children of mothers who had not. The only thing that by the time children from families in the program were 5 years old, the program's cost savings to taxpayers had been shown to be four times the original investment. These savings come from reduction in crime, welfare, and health care expenses, and the decrease in taxes

come of a campaign finance system run amuck.

Both parties must immediately agree to demand that the Federal Election Commission strictly limit use of soft money for the purposes for which it was designed, grassroots organizing and voter education. We must end the chard of using soft money for political advertisements that are indistinguishable and functionally identical to campaign advertising financed presidential campaigns.

Both parties should sign a pact, effective Labor Day, limiting soft money contributions to \$500,000 per donor for the remainder of 1999 and to \$100,000 per donor for calendar year 2000. Let's reduce the ceiling on contributions to the GOP's new Platform Club has blown away.

The Federal Commission should act immediately to clarify rules governing the use of money effectively limiting it to required party-building purposes, voter registration, voter turnout and voter education performed by volunteers. The use of soft money for television or radio advertising that mimics the advertising of the respective presidential campaigns should be expressly prohibited.

The corrosion of our current system of financing presidential campaigns has had a dramatic impact on our political process. It has eroded the power of the voter's vote. The continued sharp decline in voter participation in American elections is disgraceful. Declining participation is the deepest possible rebuke to our current political system. Average voters know that they cannot compete when money is all that counts. They know that money is the only voter's apathy. The continued sharp decline in voter participation in American elections is disgraceful. Declining participation is the deepest possible rebuke to our current political system. Average voters know that they cannot compete when money is all that counts. They know that money is the only voter's apathy.

Let us begin with these three basic steps: 1) limit the size of soft money donations, 2) prohibit the use of soft money for television or radio advertising, and 3) require broadcasters to donate significant time to the major presidential candidates. Let's do what it takes to ensure that no Americans are left behind in this process.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is the founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and is a two-time presidential candidate.

Strong families equals strong healthy children

Attorney General Janet Reno applauded the program, saying, "A healthy family is the foundation of a healthy nation. It is the only way to ensure that our children are born to lead safe and productive lives."

The second piece of mail was from the U.S. Department of Justice, which exists to help build cooperation in the public and private sectors to offer families community-based support. The goal is "growing consensus among health care professionals that services for families that strengthen parent-child relationships and build community support for positive health outcomes for children."

Every family has different needs, and societies multiple needs, and when parents, social service professionals, doctors and health professionals, schools, policy makers. When the private sector joins together to find ways to support a family's needs for health care, child care, jobs, paying a living wage, and decent housing, families and children are given an environment in which they can thrive.

Working with the sponsorship of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the FRCA has developed the "STATES Initiative," a pioneering effort to change the way state governments and communities can work together to deliver needed family services.

Helping families help children. Strengthening families strengthens our nation. It's a simple prescription that we've always known, but sometimes our country's policy makers and those in public service as well as in the private sector need to be reminded of it. Maybe we all need to be reminded of it.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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Build yourself a financial fortress for the long term

By Karen Enslie

Even for "just ordinary folks," becoming financially independent should not be considered a dream, it's important to make it a goal and a priority. The path to your goal is not only simple, but leads surely to financial security.

Many have heard of the book "The Millionaire Next Door," which focuses primarily on the habits of male business owners. The more recent "Getting Rich in America: 8 Simple Rules for Building a Fortune and a Successful Life," describes dozens of strategies that apply to people of more modest means.

I think of America as the land of choices. Organize your life with the future in mind. The authors explain the importance of hard work in getting ahead. "The greatest good fortune you will have lies within you: your knowledge, skills, and attitudes that take constant cultivation and upgrading."

note the authors.

2. Take the power of compound interest seriously, and save aggressively. Most Americans cannot build a fortune from their own labor alone. Only with compound interest can very small sums of money grow handsomely over time.

3. Resist temptation. Serious saving, or "frugality," the book states, "clearly requires some sacrifice." There are certain tensions between needs and wants, and specific ways to reduce spending and thus free up money to invest. Saving \$5 per week with coupons from age 25 to age 67 will yield \$85,692.

4. Get a good education. It's among the best foundations for financial success. Learn a skill that is in demand. You'll command a premium salary from employers. Lifetime continuing education and computer literacy are also essential.

5. Get married and stay married. The authors note that marriage and wealth are positively related. While you don't have to be married to be wealthy, married couples on average have more wealth and better health

than singles.

6. Take care of yourself. Nutrition, exercise, adequate sleep and other lifestyle choices are crucial to financial health. Improve your health and you save money, so deal with obesity don't smoke.

7. Take prudent risks. Invest in stocks for long-term goals. The authors recommend index funds for their low-maintenance approach, diversification, and low expenses.

8. Strive for balance. The importance of a positive attitude and obeying your personal principles can't be overstated. Once you succeed, "giving back" to others is crucial. The authors note that the eight rules are a tall order. They both have fallen down on several of them. So use the rules as a guide - don't expect perfection.

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Black chamber: a 'national watch' Targets Turner Construction in 35 states

By Carl Chase Staff Writer

WASHINGTON - Disappointed in the minority participation in construction of a baseball stadium in Louisville, Kentucky, the National Black Chamber of Commerce is conducting a "national watch" of Turner Construction, the national firm that is lead contractor on the project.

"We want an audit on every public project Turner Construction is doing in this nation," says NBBCC President Harry Alford. "We have been led to, bombarded and misdirected concerning the issues of subcontracting and hiring in Sluggo State."

dium in Louisville. We don't take misrepresentation lightly - this may be indicative of activity elsewhere.

Turner Construction claims 26.8 percent minority/women-owned subcontractors on the project and to have fulfilled the minority hiring goals of the city, Louisville City.

Turner's Executive Vice President Vic Monteufrei claims a long record of aggressive minority subcontracting, including classes for subcontractors. "I have absolutely no concern that we will be vindicated."

"We can't find these subcontractors they list and we find no official record of minority hiring through the Human Rights Commission, as

required by law," said the Rev. Louis Coleman, chairman of the Louisville Black Chamber of Commerce. "They even told everybody that they had hired the Louisville Black Chamber as consultants on the project. This is an outright lie."

Monteufrei said Turner never claimed to have a deal with them. But Turner's "50-50" partner on the joint project, Barton Mallow Construction, unsuccessfully asked the LBCC's help in identifying qualified minority contractors, he said.

The NBCC may eventually sue Turner or seek sanctions through government entities, Alford said.

Along with a retraction, Monteufrei said, Turner wants the allegations removed from the NBCC's Web site.

Money Matters

Think 10-10 wins? Don't bet on it!

By Karen Enslie

For the past two years or so, it seems like we've been bombarded with advertising for "10-10-XXX" (a.k.a., dial-around) calling plans. Recently, the results of a study of "10-10" calling plans conducted by Consumer Action became public.

After examining 11 widely-advertised "10-10" calling plans, Consumer Action concluded that you might save money using these plans but you might also pay more. The benefits (if any) of "10-10" plans depend upon which long distance carrier and calling plan a person currently uses and higher typical calling patterns (e.g., length of calls, time of day, U.S. vs. international, etc.).

Look out for monthly fees

Consumer Action, a San Francisco-based consumer advocacy group, advises consumers not to use dial-arounds for interstate calls unless you are sure they charge no monthly fees or per-call minimums. Instead, find a long distance calling plan with a traditional carrier. One reason is pure convenience. Dial-around calls require consumers to dial seven digits before a phone number, for a total of 18 digits.

You could pay even more

So, if someone in your household likes to dial the proper number sequence, and you haven't signed up for a discount calling plan with your primary carrier, you could end up paying basic long distance rates - the highest rates of all.

In addition, "10-10" plans with net rates can be costly. For example, the 10-10-220 plan, owned by MCI-WorldCom, charges a flat rate of 99 cents for 30 minutes. This means that, whether the call lasts one minute or 30, you pay 99 cents. This is the cost even if an answering machine picks up the call and you never get to speak with anyone directly.

The terms "10-10" and "dial-around" originated with long distance company access codes that you can use to bypass your primary long distance carrier, Consumer Action stated. Capitalizing on consumers' ability to bypass their subscribed carrier, dial-around companies came on the scene about two years ago and now carry about \$2 billion annually.

Just as many store label foods are made by nationally advertised manufacturers, many "10-10" companies are owned by major long-distance carriers. For example, AT&T owns the "Lucky Dog" dial-around that promises consumers a chance to win prizes when you use 10-10-345 to place a call. MCI WorldCom owns 10-10-321 as well as 10-10-220.

According to Consumer Action, only two major "10-10" plans do not charge flat rates. They also note that interstate long distance rates ranged from 7 cents per minute to 28 cents per minute for daytime calls of less than 10 minutes duration.

Several "10-10" plans have complex pricing structures based on the time of day and length of a phone call. Where they seemed to excel, however, was in rates for overseas calls. Consumer Action advises that you carefully compare any dial-arounds to your primary carrier's international discount plan, however.

Like all consumer purchases, the watchword for "10-10" calling is "Buyer beware!" You get to guarantee of saving money with "10-10" calling plans, and you really could pay more. Before signing up, get the facts.

Karen Enslie appears courtesy of Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church presents "Hymn Festival," 7 p.m. (973) 751-0616.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

HAWTHORNE — Hawthorne Gospel Church will hold the 59th Annual Christmas Ministries Convention through Oct. 23. Call (800) 363-4410 for time and information.

Rev. Jackson's brother gave his all to everyone

George Robinson, brother of Rev. John L. Jackson, Sr., recently lost his battle with cancer. He was 55. Robinson was a renowned restaurateur and consultant for several restaurants in the Chicago area. He would give his time to his brother's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition initiative of social change through registration and economic development. He also assisted his nephew (Jesse Jackson, Jr.), with the congressional seat in Illinois.

"He was a reconciler, healer and a builder," said Rev. Jackson. "He was a brother in every sense of the word. We laughed, cried, worked, and argued together, but there was a bond between two brothers that could not be broken. In many ways, he was my hero."

Robinson leaves behind his wife of 31 years Carolyn, two sons and countless friends and relatives.

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Religion Shawn: Worthy of praise

High Rollers Motorcycle Club honors fallen member and community friend

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

Aug. 15 was billed the First Annual Picnic of the High Rollers Motorcycle Club of Linden. Leading up to the event, this civic-minded club was gearing up to support the needs of their community. However, they did not realize how soon their support in the community would be needed. Little did they know that they'd have to depend on each other for the strength they would need to recover from a devastating blow.

On Aug. 13, fellow member and club treasurer Shawn Worthy departed the life from fatal injuries he sustained while riding his bike on the night of August 4. He was the husband of Tanya Ishmal Worthy and the son of John and Bertha Worthy, a New Jersey State Trooper, an All-Union County athlete which garnered him a basketball scholarship to Iowa College in New York, and reportedly a beloved native son within the community. He was all of that and some.

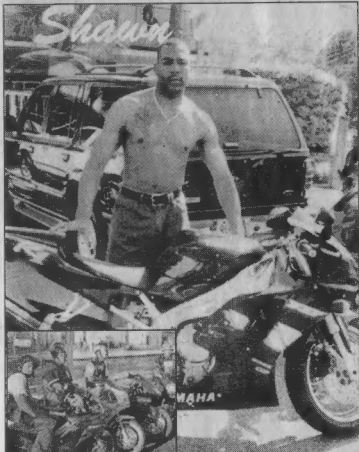
This stands to be the reason why the grieving expression on the unbearable pain words could not express, on the night of Worthy's wake. An outpouring of love from professional athletes to the cadre of troopers, family and friends was like scene at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Roselle, where Worthy lies in state. And as a member of the Acaia Lodge No. 23 F&M, Prince Hall Affiliation of the

Masons, Worthy was ritually honored by the brotherhood.

Emotionally it was a difficult task, but the inaugural annual picnic was carried out as planned with tremendous fanfare and success. It was a day when the close-knit High Rollers tried to stay upbeat. It was a day when shout-outs to their boy, "Shawn rest in peace," rang out over the microphone. It was a day when they wore T-Shirts emblazoned with Worthy standing next to his bike. It was a day they decided to memorialize Worthy by naming the annual event in his honor.

Meanwhile, the hundreds of bikers who showed up for the event spent the day having fun, getting their grub on, while listening to pump-it-up high-top beats, as thrill seekers entertained the crowd with motorcycle stunts. Trophies were given out in four categories. The day was cool, calm and collective with no disorderly conduct from the crowd nor the police. By the day's end, the High Rollers netted \$2,096, with all the proceeds going to Worthy's wife.

So what's in store for the future of the Shawn Worthy Memorial Annual Picnic? A whole lot more. The High Rollers would like to establish an athletic scholarship in his name, sponsor a little league team in his name, help better their community in his name. Shawn Worthy lives on strong—he's still the "Big Daddy" in the community.



Shawn Worthy, member and treasurer of the High Rollers Motorcycle Club, and beloved native son of the community.

The legendary Canton Spirituals takes you on a "live experience" with new album



The Canton Spirituals

Michael Richardson, vocalist. The Thompson, and Merlin Lacious on bass. Lead guitarist DeWayne Walkers and keyboardist Wallace Strickland and Victor Allen double as singers, rounding out the rich vocals. A Canton trademark.

"DeWayne... and Wallace and Victor are all younger guys in their 20s, and they add some kick to things which comes from the music they grew up on," Harvey explains. "There's a little thing what might come out. I just turn them loose, and whatever they play that I like, we keep. So we get a distinctive mix of the traditional and the contemporary. Gospel, R&B, jazz, rock... you name it."

"The Live Experience 1999" rocks that a healthy dose of joyful, irresistible cuts that defy listeners to sit still, as well as several deeply moving emotional ballads. On "I Made It," a duet with Gospel legend Albertina Walker, she and Harvey pour out their hearts in thanks for all of the trials the Lord has seen them through. Says Harvey: "The Lord has

blessed us in so many ways, it's almost hard to take in. This is a stage of praise for all He's done."

The gorgeous, gripping "Invisible Faith" is a passionate profusion of faith in things unseen, dramatically contrasting Harvey's soul-deep baritone with Wallace Strickland's soaring tenor or

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catchy recounting of the life of Christ. The album closes with the almost achingly honest ("Memories") When Will I See You Again, "an emotional tour de force that tempers the Christian's certainties of eternal life with the inevitable heartache of losing loved ones."

Harvey describes his own purgals as "strong, sincere and spiritual," and both musically gifted "I thank God for my parents," he says. "My daddy was a good, hard-working man and a great singer and entertainer. He always encouraged me and was a tremendous influence in my life."

"As a kid, I used to go to rehearsals with him every Thursday night and learn just by listening. The most important lessons came when we would go out in the truck together and he'd teach me things not just about music but about life. He always said, be yourself, sing from my heart and be sincere and that's what I've always tried to do. I literally grew up with the Cantons, and he handed the leadership to me in 1974, when I was 18 years old."

Harvey, Sr., died of cancer in 1994, but not before seeing his son and the group he'd fostered realize the dream he himself had carried for a lifetime. The Cantons had cut close to 20 independent and small-label records before signing their first major label deal in 1992, followed quickly by their urban and video, "Live in Memphis," which garnered the group a Grammy nomination and the first of several Stellar Awards.

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POSITIVELY BLACK

Preferential Treatment

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Inquisitively, most wealthy conservatives today pretend that they earned their wealth, rather than admit that they got it the old fashioned way, through preferential government treatment, expropriation of Black labor, expropriation of Indian land or simply as an inheritance from those who acquired it through one or more combination of those three ways. Conservative elements oppose reparations or any government program that benefits Blacks, but first acknowledge the existence or oppose systematic government programs that distribute wealth to various special interest groups within the majority White society." — Claud Anderson

If you haven't read it, I strongly urge you to study Claud Anderson's enlightening book, "Black Labor, White Wealth," to gain invaluable insight into the causes and reasons for the vast wealth differential we experience in this country. African Americans desperately need to understand why we have elected more local, state and national officials than any time in our history, yet the foundation and balance of most of the wealth in America strongly favors those who are profited and benefited from hundreds of years of free slave labor.

A friend and I were talking recently, and I reminded him that Martin Luther King Jr. had not gunned down for advocating integration or an end to apartheid in America. He was murdered because he preached the equitable redistribution of wealth. Read or listen to some of his last speeches, especially the reasons for his strong opposition to the Vietnam War. That was what his Poor People's Campaign was really all about. His murder left a leadership vacuum, which White "liberals" manipulated to defuse his attempt to right glaring inequities between the rich and poor, both black and white. Ironically, any attempt to rectify century-old habits of White skin (melanin deficiency) privilege, class elitism and economic oppression is steadfastly referred to as "reverse racial discrimination by whites seeking to maintain the status quo."

As most American history students know, a level playing field and equal opportunity have never existed for African people. The founders never intended for Africans to partake of the opportunities and opportunities for themselves. We must stop fooling ourselves and deluding our children that America is a color-blind, classless society. It just isn't so. We must accept the reality that racism is omnipresent and deal with it.

White folks give themselves all kinds of breaks, support and advantages. We must learn to do likewise.

How do we deal with it? By seeking to empower ourselves spiritually, psychologically, economically and politically. By educating ourselves. We must learn to run and electing more African-American politicians. We must begin to show preferential treatment to Black and underprivileged. We must wake up from our lethargy and realize the need to coalesce around our shared history of oppression at the hands of a common adversary, define our needs and galvanize our energies to provide for our psychological and material well being.

White folks give themselves all kinds of breaks, support and advantages. We must learn to do likewise. While they perceive themselves as individuals, they function in a very competitive social milieu, which necessitates forming proactive social networks based primarily on similarities in gender, values, ethnicity and skin color. Many of our brightest thinkers have shared this truth about American life with us. They astutely discerned that America is a society where group solidarity, effective planning and empowerment make it easier for individual members of any particular group to function as a whole than the sum of its parts.

We must adopt a more ethnocentric posture and give ourselves preferential treatment. How? By supporting one another and building lasting institutions that meet our needs spiritually, economically and socially. We have to love and trust each other, invest in ourselves, become producers, builders and marketers rather than mere consumers. The only people who can't wait are us.

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Local Briefs

Sex offenders caught in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — Recently Plainfield Police responded to the 900 block of West 3rd Street on a report of a person having been sexually assaulted. The 33-year-old female resident of Plainfield, New Jersey who stated she had been sexually assaulted by two males. The victim explained that she was walking in the 300 block of West Front Street when a car with two males offered her a ride, and she accepted. The actors told the victim they had to stop by their apartment first. The victim entered the apartment with the individuals and she was immediately locked inside a room. After the assault the victim was transported by one of the actors, to the area of Lee Place and West 3rd Street and let out of the car. Detective Larry Brown of the Plainfield Police Division, Criminal Investigation Bureau immediately conducted the follow-up investigation and was shown the location of the assault by the victim which was an apartment in the 600 block of East Front Street. The victim made an on-scene identification of one of the actors and he was arrested. The suspect, Eric Anthony Moynihan, age 23, was charged with aggravated sexual assault with a ball to be set. Moynihan has been remanded at the Plainfield Police Division's Jail and will be transported to Union County Jail located in Elizabeth, NJ later this date. The second individual involved with the assault has yet to be identified and the investigation is being continued.

Mayor Schundler attends groundbreaking

JERSEY CITY — At the invitation of the Jersey City Housing Authority, Mayor Brett Schundler recently participated in the ground breaking ceremony of the 18 townhouse complex The New Curries Woods. "This ground breaking — and those that preceded it and will follow — point to the increasing revitalization efforts underway today in Jersey City," Mayor Schundler said. "It is a pleasure for me to participate in these positive programs that point to our community's great spirit and vitality." This is phase II of the continuing HOME VI Revitalization Program at Curries Woods. Following the short, informal ground breaking ceremony, there will be a tour by guests of Phases I and II, according to Robert Rigby, Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Newark's immunization "School Bus Program" extends hours

NEWARK — Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the City of Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will kick off the fourth annual "School Bus Program" by extending it's evening immunization clinic hours through August 28 from 4:30-7 p.m. The "School Bus Program" is a city-wide program designed to ensure that each child and new registrants will have a birth certificate and the appropriate immunization required for school.

"The 'School Bus Program' is another way to ensure that every eligible child will be accepted for enrollment on the first school day. The City of Newark wants to emphasize school attendance, child-hood immunizations, and the accessibility of our child oriented health and social services to Newark residents," said Mayor James.

Fire Department extends fire fighter application deadline

NEWARK — The Newark Fire Department and the New Jersey Department of Personnel recently issued a two-week extension for new entry-level fire fighters examination. The filing application deadline is extended to September 3. The department is open to residents ages 18-35 with a high school diploma or G.E.D. Applications are now available at various fire stations and recruitment offices throughout the city. For more information, call the Newark Fire Department at (973) 733-5187.

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Fleet All-Stars create work of art in Newark

NEWARK — Forty Newark teens armed with paint, tile and talent are creating a mural of an environmentally friendly and beautiful Newark on August 10. The 8' by 88' mural is being created on the outdoor wall of the future site of the Greater Newark Conservancy's Urban Environmental and Ecological Center.

The mural, designed by the teens, depicts members of the community picking up trash and planting flowers, and includes Newark landmarks, such as City Hall and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The unique mural is made out of a variety of paints, recycled glass, metal and tile. The teens are entering their project in the Fleet All-Stars program in hopes of winning a financial grant and a visit from a celebrity athlete. Since its inception in 1996, more than 82,000 kids have participated in Fleet All-Stars. The program is open to any youth-oriented organization or school group throughout New Jersey. New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine and runs through September 1, 1999. More than \$400,000 will be awarded by Fleet this fall to groups whose projects will leave the most positive impact on their communities.



Irvington Day honors residents and Sasson's Youthworld at annual celebration

IRVINGTON — Demonstrating their appreciation for its residents, the township of Irvington recently held its sixth annual celebration on Saturday, August 14 at Orange Park located behind Irvington High School. The end of the summer extravaganza included the 60th birthday Carnival of Sasson's Youthworld, the popular children's department store.

"It's a sense of government giving back to the people," explained Donald Malloy, Manager of Parks and Recreation/Cultural Affairs and coordinator of the event. "Irvington Day was designed as a free event in the township with all the residents and families coming together in the spirit of unity, harmony and love. Its real objective is to unite all different ethnic groups under one banner. This event serves as a catalyst to encourage and develop a better rapport between our young and senior citizens."

Entertainment included jazz bands such as the Dave Blocker eight piece ensemble, Cleveland Sanford band and a Motown review band called Smooth. Senior citizens were placed under a special tent where they were treated to a catered luncheon. There was a double dutch contest, hot potato race, yo-yo contest and sack racing. Irvington Day concluded in a main dance contest in its final hour.

"We're paying tribute to many generations of children who grew up in our stores over the



Irvington Day gave patrons a slew of fun activities including this balloon fun house that had the kids feeling good.

decades," says Beth Sasson, who co-owns the live, work, attend school or church here. Irvington is what links us together," said Mayor Bost. "Hopefully this day will bring happiness to those members of the Irvington family."

Irvington Day was created in 1994 by Mayor Sara B. Bost, just one month after she became the first female in history to assume the township's mayoralship. "Whether we

Cuomo awards Jersey City millions to create jobs and economic development

WASHINGTON — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo recently announced \$9.75 million in assistance for Jersey City for the development of the Morris Canal Industrial Park. The project will create an estimated 170 jobs and stimulate more than \$25 million in additional investment.

"One of the most important challenges facing cities today is cleaning up and revitalizing abandoned industrial and commercial sites that were the engines of America's economic greatness in our past," Cuomo said. "Working in partnership with communities, we can transform these areas into generators of new jobs and new prosperity in our future."

Cardell Cooper, HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, made the announcement with Congressman Robert Menendez at Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler. Jersey City will receive a \$17.5 million Brownfields Economic Development Initiative grant and \$8 million in loan guarantees for the Morris Canal Industrial Park. Jersey City and its Redevelopment Agency will acquire and remediate the site in preparation for the construction of a 440,000 square-foot state-of-the-art light-industrial, distribution and manufacturing space within the Morris Canal Redevelopment Area. The project, with a total cost of \$36.4 million, is located in the area of Jersey City that has the highest concentration of poverty and unemployment.

Brownfield sites include abandoned factories and other industrial facilities, gasoline stations, oil storage facilities, dry cleaning stores, and other businesses that deal with polluting substances. Since 1993, the Clinton Administration has taken a series of actions to clean up and revitalize Brownfields and return them to productive use, including: providing seed money to communities for revitalization, removing regulatory barriers to redevelopment and providing a targeted tax incentive to businesses

that purchase and clean up the sites. The loan guarantees, also known as the Section 108 Program, provide communities with a source of financing for job creation, housing rehabilitation and construction of public facilities and large-scale development projects.

Vice President Gore announced the Clinton Administration's Brownfields National Partnership in 1997 to bring together resources of over 20 federal agencies to address brownfield cleanup and redevelopment issues in a coordinated approach. HUD works with other federal agencies to provide communities with financial and technical assistance to revitalize brownfields. Cuomo accompanied President Clinton last month on the President's New Markets Tour of economically distressed communities that highlight the economic potential for investment in underserved markets. The President is proposing tax incentives and investment tools that will make it more attractive for corporations to America to search for opportunities in such communities.

A recent HUD report titled New Markets: The Untapped Retail Buying Power In America's Inner Cities showed that America's inner city neighborhoods, with \$331 billion in annual retail purchasing power — hold major economic potential for retail business growth.

The report found inner city neighborhoods possess enormous retail purchasing power, estimated at \$331 billion last year, or one-third of the \$1.1 trillion total for the central cities in which those neighborhoods are located. The report suggests that businesses not yet operating in inner cities should not ignore that large domestic market.

Despite their huge buying power, many inner city communities are "under-retailed," with sales that fall significantly short of residents' retail purchasing power. The report makes clear that there is a large untapped consumer market worth competing for.

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A Rite of Passage

Our Roots: The Sampson and Franklin Family travel back in time



(L-R) Cornell Shingles, Ray Shingles, Margaret Sampson Robeson, Alexander Sampson, Castalow Sampson and Steve Sampson

By Gilda Rogers

"And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of spring water." Genesis 26:19

The Sampson and Franklin family had no idea of the spiritual excursion they were about to embark on when they boarded a luxury chartered bus in Elizabeth at 11:00 a.m. on July 14, for the 18-hour journey back to their roots – a place called Cuthbert, named after an English Bishop. Cuthbert, Georgia – a place many had not visited in years. A place where their youngest offspring had never laid eyes on. An appropriate occasion, the third Sunday of that weekend in Cuthbert, according to Ella Mae McNeil, the 92-year-old matriarch of the family, has always been designated as "Homecoming" ever since she can remember. It's a time when families originating from this rural town come back to reflect. "The one-hour reflection was the most moving part of the reunion," said Steve Sampson, the 80-year-old patriarch of the family, who has received numerous citations as a community activist and also owned and operated the Good Neighbor Barbershop in Elizabeth for 46 years. Charlie Queen, another elder of the family said this about the reflection hour: "There was a 13-year-old great-grand child (Gregory O'Neil) of a relative who had come from Jacksonville, Florida, he thought it was going to be boring, but after meeting all his family he felt more attached to the family – a kinship. He was almost in tears over what he's been missing all these years." For Melissa Ahmed, a natural feeling of being at home came over her when folks she'd often heard her late mother talk of welcomed her with the words "You Mabel's daughter," as if to say, child you better get over here and hug my neck.



Four generations of Sampson men view family cemetery of those that paved a way for them.



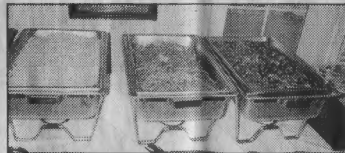
Headstone of Press Sampson, born 1880, father of Steve Sampson.

"It was the place of my natural and spiritual birth," said cousin Delores McAllister. Taking center stage was this family's history – starting with the family cemetery located near the church. Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, one of the few remaining slave churches in the area was celebrating 164 years of serving as the institution that uplifted its congregates, during the woe of slavery. But it was a *seanic* happening when relatives saw the names of other Sampson family members, who date back to the 1800's listed in a book published by the Cuthbert Historical Society that acted as the medium which connected the living family members to those deceased. A riveting experience. "It was very spiritual," expressed Ray Sampson, 43, who brought along his 13-year-old son, Rafiq Sampson, and his 14-year-old nephew Tyrese Williams. "Everything was held on the church grounds." The pillar of strength for the oppressed Sampson and Franklin members who kept the faith and insured a better place for generations to come. With families traveling from Florida, Nebraska, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina and West Virginia, to share in fellowship and first-time introductions it wasn't long before Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church runneth over with people.



Sampson Family gather at historic Westville Village.

Following through on the historic theme, the Cuthbert host family played chaperone to the out-of-state travelers by taking them on a tour of an historic enclave known as Westville Village, in Lumpkin, Georgia. A place where horse drawn buggy's, shoe cobblers and early 19th Century decorated homes, along with old fashioned water wells helped tell the story of the past to the children.



Now to switch gears, what would a family reunion be without good food and some crazy fun? Incomplete. Needless to say, the Sampson and Franklin family had all bases covered – from slap-your-momma good Southern eating to a fishing contest. And how about the relatives young and old gettin' down to the latest sounds in the hotel parking lot – big fun and probably a lot of aching backs after the fact. Assuredly, this was a reunion the Sampson and Franklin families are not likely to forget. As a matter of fact, members of the Sampson family who reside in Elizabeth and the surrounding areas are in the process of planning for their 2000 reunion. The planning committee, an extension of the family corporation is hoping more relatives will become involved for the purpose of preserving and insuring a better future for generations to come – true that. Now isn't that what family ought to be about?

For additional information regarding the upcoming reunion and how to become a part of the Sampson Family Inc., please contact: Steve Sampson at (908) 355-9305.



Sampson Family gettin' their dance on in the parking lot.



Matriarch Ella Mae McNeil, 92, speaks at Reflection Hour

For whom the school bell tolls

By Bruce McConnell

Conscientious parents preparing to send their children back to school may want to know they are not alone in their concerns about their little ones' safety. A new survey shows that such fears are widespread and shared by the children themselves. Nearly three-quarters (71 percent) of American parents of school-aged children believe that children's safety concerns are so severe that academic performance is affected, the FrenchToast.com Back-to-School Survey has found.

That's the bad news. The good news is that most parents strongly support a wide range of actions to make schools safer, including school uniforms and dress codes, unannounced random locker searches, an increased police presence in schools and the installation of metal detectors.

"Parents throughout the country are saying powerfully and unequivocally that school systems must do more to improve security in schools," says Dr. Robin Goldstein, a child development specialist and authority on parenting who teaches child development and adolescent psychology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, M.D. "We live in a time when we often have to worry about how safe our schools are. Children as well as parents have these concerns and take them to school with them. So it's important that both children and parents become confident that schools are taking all necessary steps to ensure the safety of students."

"Parents are worried about the school environment, and many of them see a move to a uniform program as an important part of the larger effort to ensure a basic level of safety in schools," says Beth Silver, brand manager for French Toast Official School Wear, the country's largest independent manufacturer of school uniforms.

The nationwide surge in support for school uniforms should be welcome news even for parents whose children attend schools that are already safe for learning.

Getting a child ready to return to school can be costly and time-consuming. The FrenchToast.com Back-to-School Survey also found that parents typically spend about 6 and a half hours per child in shopping alone, at considerable expense. It takes about two workdays to earn enough to outfit each child with clothing, school supplies and accessories (approximately \$21).

Low-income families, who spend about half a week of earnings for back-to-school shopping, should be especially gratified by the increased recognition of the importance of school uniform policies. Research released in December by NPD Group determined that parents in communities where uniforms are required spend 44 percent less to clothe their children for school than parents in non-uniform communities spend.

Dr. Goldstein, author of the three-book Everyday Parenting series, notes that a complete set of French Toast school uniforms, which consists of 10 to 12 items, costs about \$100 per child, or less than half of what parents typically spend in back-to-school outfitting.

"Despite the time and money parents spend on shopping, the end result once school resumes is an argument between parent and child over what clothes to wear and how to wear them," she says. "Additionally, many children judge themselves and others by their choice of apparel. Thus, the choice of clothing can cause friction both at home and at school, taking a child's mind off schoolwork and reducing academic performance."

One solution is for schools to require uniforms. "For parents, uniforms not only save money and time when shopping for back-to-school, they also reduce morning arguments over what their children will wear," Goldstein contends. "For children, uniforms can create a feeling of spirit and teamwork."



Dominique McConnell sports a uniform and a pull handle book bag representing United Academy in Newark.



No longer reserved for private schools uniforms are making a bold statement in many public schools.



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Sleeve				
Shirt Long	\$6.99	\$7.99	\$8.99	\$9.99
Sleeve				
Tie	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$2.99
Plain Sweater	\$14.99	\$14.99	\$16.99	\$16.99
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	4-6x	7-14	16-20	Plus
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Sleeve				
Blouses Long	\$5.99	\$5.99	\$6.99	\$8.99
Sleeve				
Jumper	\$8.99	\$9.99	\$10.99	\$12.99
Pleated Skirt	\$6.99	\$7.99	\$8.99	\$10.99
Pants	\$10.99	\$12.99	\$14.99	\$16.99
Cross Tie	\$1.99 (one size fits all)			
Sweater	\$12.99	\$14.99	\$14.99	\$19.99

Mall Prices

Boys

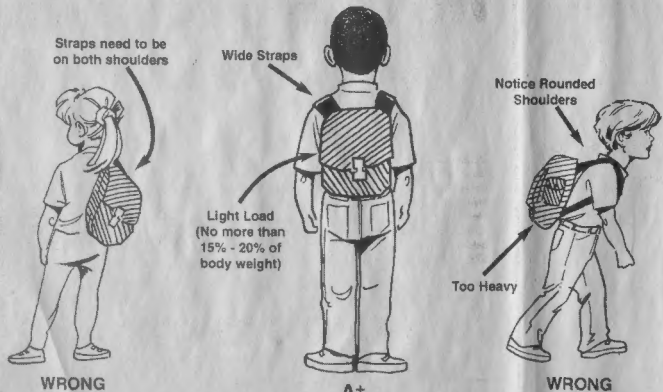
Pants	\$29.99
Shirt Short Sleeve	\$11.99
Shirt Long Sleeve	\$14.99
Long Sleeve Shirt with Tie	\$24.99

Girls

Blouses Short Sleeve	\$5.99
Blouses Long Sleeve	\$12.99
Pants	\$37.99
Sweater	\$17.99

Backpacks: What you don't know can hurt you

Is Your Child's Backpack Making The Grade?



ALEXANDRIA, VA. — Big or small, brightly-colored canvas or black leather, while a backpack is still one of the best ways to bear a burden, a too-heavy or improperly worn backpack may harm joints and muscles, especially young ones. The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) offers some advice on how to properly wear a backpack and avoid injury. In the hierarchy of bags, a backpack is a better way to carry life's necessities than a briefcase or shoulder bag, especially for longer periods of time. Properly worn, a backpack is supported by the strongest muscles in the body: the back and abdominal muscles which work together to stabilize the trunk and hold our body in proper postural alignment. "But improper backpack use can also present some real dangers, especially to young, still growing joints and muscles," Richardson adds. Here are some rules of thumb to follow.

■ **Wear both straps.** Slinging a backpack over one shoulder causes a person to lean to one side to compensate for the uneven weight, curving the spine. Over time, this can cause lower and upper back pain, strain to shoulders and neck, and even functional scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. Teenage girls are especially susceptible to scoliosis.

■ **Make sure the backpack is not too heavy.** Students of all ages seem to be carrying heavier loads, often totting a full day's worth of textbooks and a change of clothing for after-school athletics or extra-curricular activities. Laptop computers are also common features in the college student's backpack. "A backpack can range anywhere from 20 to 30 pounds - more added weight than the average pregnant woman may have to carry," Richardson says. Even when worn properly with both straps, leaning forward to compensate for this extra weight can affect the natural curve in the lumbar, or lower back, region. Extra weight may cause a rounding of the shoulders and an increased curve in the thoracic, or upper back, region. As a result, the student may experience back, shoulder and neck pain. "A good rule to follow is to carry no more than 15 to 20 percent of one's body weight," says Richardson.

■ **Pay attention to the type of backpack.** Look for backpacks with wide straps. "Narrow straps dig painfully into shoulders," Richardson says, "and our nerves are very close to the surface in our clavicle, or collarbone, region." Narrow straps can also hinder circulation, causing numbness or tingling in the arms, which over time may cause weakness in the hands. Even though the latest backpacks with one strap that runs across the body may be fashionable, they are not as functional because one shoulder continually bears the entire weight of the bag. It is also wise to consider the weight of the backpack when empty - for example, a canvas backpack will be lighter weight than leather.

So how to make sure backpack users stay injury-free? Richardson says, "Have your kids use both straps and make frequent stops at their locker throughout the day to avoid carrying all their books at once, and leave non-essentials at home. Above all, urge your children to tell you if they are in pain or have discomfort before a problem becomes serious."

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

NEW BRUNSWICK — Saint Peter's University Hospital offers a support group meeting for parents of children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit 7 p.m. (732) 745-8600

BOULDER BROOK — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Madison Eastern Star Lodge 4 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Medical Center will hold a support meeting for those surviving breast cancer at the hospital's conference room 8 p.m. (201) 915-2273

NEW BRUNSWICK — Saint Peter's "Back School" course in the hospital's Physical Therapy Department Call (732) 745-8670

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

NEW BRUNSWICK — Saint Peter's University Hospital offers a support group for people addicted to nicotine at the hospital's medical office building 3 p.m. (732) 937-6050

NEWARK — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Newark Orange Star Lodge 4 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

MONTCLAIR — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Montclair Chapter of the American Red Cross 3 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

WEST ORANGE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the West Orange Town Hall 12 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

PLAINFIELD — The Mulhernberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for those living with osteoporosis 10 a.m. (908) 668-2285

PLAINFIELD — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield will hold a blood drive at the United Presbyterian Church 3 p.m. (908) 756-6414

PLAINFIELD — The Planned Parenthood Service Center hosts a health education for seniors 11 a.m. (908) 753-3609

PLAINFIELD — The Mulhernberg Regional Medical Center offers a support group meeting for people living with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) 7 p.m. (908) 668-2285

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

UNION — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Union Hospital 3 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Wayne General Hospital 3 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Manhattan Bagel Deli 6 a.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

BERNARDSVILLE — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at the Dairy Queen Ice Cream Parlor 1 p.m. (800) BLOOD-NJ

EDISON — The American Red Cross of Greater Union County & Plainfield Area will hold a blood drive at the Edison Firehouse 9 a.m. (908) 756-6414

SOMERSET — Saint Peter's University Hospital offers a support group for women breastfeeding at Homecare America Store conference room 3:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a support group for families experiencing the death of a baby before or after birth 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3058

BELL MEAD — The Carrier Foundation hosts a free program to help caregivers of older adults cope with the challenges of day-to-day caring at the foundation's Counseling Center 6:30 p.m. (800) 933-5779

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SOMERSET — Saint Peter's University Hospital offers a support group for women breastfeeding 3:30 p.m. (732) 745-8600

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a support group for families experiencing the death of a baby before or after birth 7:30 p.m. (201) 833-3058

BELL MEAD — The Carrier Foundation hosts a free program to help caregivers of older adults cope with the challenges of day-to-day caring 6:30 p.m. (800) 933-5779

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in vaginal birth after cesarean section 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

NMA calls for lactose-free milk

LAS VEGAS — The National Medical Association — the largest and oldest national organization of African-American physicians — is urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to promote lactose-free dairy foods in the Food Guide Pyramid and Dietary Guidelines, which are currently under revision.

The announcement, made at the NMA's Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly this week, is in response to the large numbers of lactose intolerant African Americans who may be avoiding dairy products due to a fear of digestive discomfort. While not all African Americans have trouble digesting dairy, many avoid milk entirely and may be missing out on crucial nutrients their bodies need, especially calcium.

"The average black woman can't get enough calcium from the food she eats. If she's cutting out dairy products because of lactose intolerance, it's unrealistic to think that she'll get enough calcium from other foods," said NMA President Gary C. Dennis, M.D., who first proposed the new policy statement.

"We think this is an easy solution to help address the calcium problem in the African-American community. Unfortunately, many people just don't know about the lactose-free options," he added.

Lactose intolerance results from the inability to properly digest the sugar in milk, a condition called lactase. It is not an allergy, but the lack of a digestive enzyme called lactase that helps break down the sugar in your system.

While it is estimated that about 25 percent of the U.S. population may have some trouble digesting lactose, the problem is particularly prevalent among African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans.

A Simple Solution

The National Medical Association is drawing attention to lactose-free milk as one easy solution to help all African Americans get the calcium they need.

Dr. Dennis said the avoidance of dairy products reduces the intake of

several key nutrients and virtually guarantees inadequate dietary intake of calcium.

Three-fourths of the calcium in the U.S. diet comes from milk and milk products.

Lactose-free milk contains all the same nutrients including calcium, and has been pre-treated with the lactase enzyme which breaks down the lactose before you drink it. Widely found in supermarket dairy cases, these milk products now come in all the same varieties as regular milk, including lowfat and fat-free options — only the lactose has been reduced (70 to 100 percent less lactose than regular milk).

The milk may taste a little sweeter or because lactose has been split into two smaller and sweeter sugars so it can be easily digested.

"While other foods supply some calcium, it's more difficult to eat the quantities necessary to meet current calcium recommendations without including dairy products, particularly for young children and adolescents," Dennis said. "We support the two to three servings of dairy foods recommended in the Food Guide Pyramid since dairy products are among the most convenient and concentrated sources of calcium available. We'd just like to see more emphasis on the lactose-free options to help meet the calcium needs of all African Americans."

In addition to lactose-free milk, recent studies show that regular milk can still be an option for lactose-intolerant individuals.

By drinking small amounts of milk at a time, or pairing it with other foods, people can easily enjoy milk without suffering discomfort. In fact, many African Americans find that such measures suffice. Adequate and cultured dairy products like yogurt are also less likely to cause symptoms.

Research shows that drinking enough milk is the overall quality of the diet. It's not only an excellent source of calcium, but milk provides eight other essential nutrients, including protein, potassium and vitamins A and D.

Kessler has become top rehab facility in the East

WEST ORANGE — A Premier Institute for Rehabilitation, a provider of physical medicine and rehabilitation services, has been named the top rehabilitation hospital in the East and the fourth best facility in the country by a recent National Opinion Research Center survey.

This marks the eighth consecutive year the Kessler has been listed among the nation's leaders in the study published by U.S. News & World Report.

"I am very pleased that Kessler has again been recognized among the leading hospitals in the country," said Robert Kessler, president of Kessler Institute. "This achievement most certainly reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire Kessler staff and acknowledges the fact the Kessler is, indeed, one of a kind."

Kessler is the nation's highest ranking rehabilitation hospital to receive accreditation with commendation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is a federally designated dual model system for the treatment and research of traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries.

According to Dr. Robert Kessler, Kessler's medical director and senior medical officer, "Being voted to this list is credit to the excellence of our staff and their commitment to providing the highest level of quality care to our patients."

Despite the enormous impact of managed care in today's healthcare

market, Kessler continues to put patients first. And certainly, every member of our clinical, administrative and support teams is proud of this national recognition too."

The National Opinion Research Center, a social-science research group located at the University of Chicago, conducted the survey among a gaggle of cross-section of more than 2,400 board-certified physicians randomly selected from the American Medical Association's database.

Respondents were asked to name the five hospitals they considered best in their specialty. Overall, 16 specialties were ranked, but four in particular — rehabilitation, psychiatry, pediatrics and ophthalmology, were based solely on reputation as data, such as mortality rates, was deemed "not applicable."

Kessler is New Jersey's largest rehabilitation hospital network with four inpatient facilities and outpatient centers located throughout the state, New York and Florida.

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Low Calcium Consequences

Helping African Americans increase their calcium intake is becoming a greater public health priority. Too little calcium in the diet can reduce bone growth, which can lead to osteoporosis later in life.

While African Americans tend to have stronger, denser bones compared to Caucasians, they are not immune to osteoporosis.

In fact, a new study found that black women are much more at risk for osteoporosis than previously believed. Evidence from the National Osteoporosis Risk Assessment (NORA) program — released at the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research meeting earlier this year — found that more than one-third (38 percent) of African-American women studied had low bone density. That means many black women are at risk for fractures.

The National Osteoporosis Foundation estimates that 100,000 African-American women currently have osteoporosis. Additionally, between 80 to 95 percent of fractures in African-American women over age 64 are due to osteoporosis.

African-American women are more likely to die than white women following a hip fracture.

African Americans also suffer from hypertension in greater numbers. Blacks develop the condition earlier in life than whites, with more dire medical complications.

Results from the recent Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) study, first published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1997, found that a lowfat dairy-rich diet that was high in calcium and rich in fruits and vegetables helped significantly lower blood pressure in nearly all people.

However, the benefits were twice as great in African Americans than in whites.

The DASH diet lowered the blood pressure of this group on average of 13 mm Hg, a similar response to that produced by medications. Not only did the African-American subjects experience the blood pressure benefits, they did so without symptoms of lactose intolerance.

First ever national conference on the state of HIV prevention

ATLANTA, Ga. — More than 2,000 leading scientists, researchers and policy analysts will gather at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Atlanta for the National HIV Prevention Conference, the first meeting of its kind exclusively devoted to scientific efforts to monitor and prevent HIV in the U.S.

The conference is convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and 17 other sponsoring organizations, including the Office of AIDS Research/NIH, National Minority AIDS Council and the National Association of People with AIDS.

Conference attendees will discuss new data on trends in HIV infection and AIDS mortality, as well as hundreds of presentations and posters on the latest and best efforts to contain the epidemic through behavioral and biomedical interventions.

A special focus of the conference will be the impact of HIV on African-American communities, which remain disproportionately affected by the epidemic. Data presented will include HIV incidence among African Americans at highest risk, including young gay men, as well as the latest statistics on AIDS mortality among African Americans.

Other data released in Atlanta will include the latest national figures on AIDS mortality, new data on rates of HIV infection among high-risk populations, the first comprehensive report on HIV in U.S. prisons, as well as analyses of



U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher to speak at conference.

the challenges of HIV prevention in the era of new AIDS treatments. Special presentations will be also made on the applications of a new HIV test that allows for unprecedented measurement of the time of new HIV infections.

Featured speakers at the meeting will include David Satcher, MD, PhD, US Surgeon General and former head of the CDC; Jeffrey Koplan, MD, MPH, Director of the CDC; Helene Gayle, MD, MPH, Director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention; White House Coordinator of AIDS Policy Sandra Thurman; Cornelius Baker, Executive Director of NAWPA; Tom Coates, MD, of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies; and Don Des Jarlais, PhD, Beth Israel Medical Center.

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The Ellington Centennial



Duke Ellington

Jazz at the Lincoln Center will continue its landmark celebration of The Ellington Centennial—the year-long acknowledgment of Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington’s unequalled contributions to jazz in the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 1999

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Event: Jazz Talk: “Beyond Category: The Recorded Legacy of Duke Ellington” featuring George Avakian, Teo Macero, and moderator Nat Hentoff

Place: Stanley H. Kaplan Penthouse, Rose Building 165 West 65th Street, 10th Floor

Tickets: \$10, available at Alice Tully Hall box office (212)721-6500

Date: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, September 16, 17 & 18, 1999

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Event: 1999-2000 Season Opening Night Series “Rockin’ in Rhythm: The Small Band Music of Duke Ellington,” featuring Joe Lovano, Nicholas Payton, Dianne Reeves, and members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra

Place: Alice Tully Hall 65th Street and Broadway

Tickets: \$45, available at Alice Tully Hall box office (212)721-6500

Eve earns props with drop of solo disc

Ruff Ryders/Interscope Records is set to release the first solo project from 20-year-old female rapper Eve.

The debut CD “Eve, The First Lady of Ruff Ryders” follows the highly successful compilation album, *Ryde or Die Vol. 1*, featuring Eve’s current hit single “What Ya Want.”

Scheduled to be in stores September 14, “Eve, The First Lady of Ruff Ryders” is one of the most anticipated rap albums coming out this year.

Thanks to the Ruff Ryders production team Swizz Beatz, P.M. and Shek (the same folks that provided hits for DMX, Jay Z and Busta Rhymes), the album’s tracks are unique, and sample free with a hard edge that will not only appeal to hip hop heads but will appeal to the commercial masses.

After her successful guest appearances on the Roots No. 1 single “You Got Me” featuring Erykah Badu, BLACKstreet’s single “Girlfriend/Boyfriend” with Janet Jackson, and “The Anthem Remix” with DMX from DJ Clue’s CD *The Professionals*.

Eve has gained respect from her peers and from the streets for always writing her own material, and not relying on the successful camp of male rappers to get her by on her debut disc.

Tracks to look out for include the hot summer anthem for the females “Gotta Man,” the serious minded track about a friend in an abusive relationship, “Love is Blind,” and the jeep thumping single “Ain’t Got No Dough” featuring Missy Elliott.

The album also features a few collaborations with rap’s elite Missy Elliott, DMX, LOX & Drag-On.

Eve is currently doing spot dates on the R Kelly Tour and can be seen in the new national Sprite commercial campaign.



Eve

“Love Letters,” a flavorable music stew



Gerald Veasley’s release in stores August 24.

Photo by Patened Photos

Gerald Veasley, recently named “Best Electric Bassist” in *Jazz* magazine’s annual readers’ poll, delivers another winner with the release of *Love Letters* on Reads Up International.

The new album described by the artist as “urban progressive,” should firmly establish the Philadelphia-born musician as an innovator who brings a contemporary voice to the bass as a lead instrument.

Veasley’s fifth project for the Seattle-based label arrived at stores August 24.

Like his 1997 release *Soul Control*, *Love Letters* showcases Veasley’s talents as musician, composer/arranger and producer in a melding of jazz, R&B,

gospel, funk, rock and blues styles.

Playing his distinctive six-string bass as well as keyboards, he’s joined on the project by saxophonists Grover Washington, Jr. and Eric Marienthal, plus guitarist Cheli Minucci.

Veasley shares producing and arranging credits on *Love Letters* with Richard Waller III.

Seven of the album’s ten songs were penned by the versatile bassist, including the easy grooving title track and the disc’s spacious and majestic opener, “Facing West.” “Be Sweet” was co-written and recorded with saxophonist Chris Farr and keyboardist Bill Jolly, while Cheli Minucci’s sultry “Hypnotize” and a funk-laden rendition of Donny Hathaway’s “Valder in the Country” round out the set.

While lauding his previous release *Soul Control*, as “one of the best R&B/soul-based contemporary jazz efforts to come along in quite some time,” *JazzTimes* magazine noted, “This bassist/composer arranges with space, detail and purpose in mind — and comes up with great results.”



Technics World Music Festival



Alex Bugnon

The Technics World Music Festival will take place on September 12, 1999 at 4 p.m. at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center (Broadway at 65th Street). This event, held in the United States for the first time in its 11-year history, is an international showcase for students of the Technics Music Academy, ages 15-19. The Technics Music Academy (TMA) is a comprehensive music education program currently running in 20 countries with a total enrollment of over 200,000 students. In addition to performances by students from ten of the participating countries, contemporary jazz/R&B keyboardist Alex Bugnon will show his support for music education with a special guest performance. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Avery Fisher Hall (212) 721-6500. Discount tickets are available for groups of six or more by contacting Renegade Marketing Group at (212) 261-2607.

It’s a rapping “Showdown”

Any once worth his weight will tell you: a sharp wit and a sense of humor are invaluable when it comes to fine tuning a mic, rocking a crowd, or making records that people actually remember.

A longtime resident of Greensboro, North Carolina, Showdown is the latest in hip hop’s pantheon of clown princes to claim rap music’s center stage with his debut single on Raw Shack Productions, “If You Can’t,” be with “Showdown.”

Not that Showdown displays any lack of lyrical imagination on “If You Can’t.”

While the track’s staccato oscillates his provide the song with a nifty, then simple headnodding rhythm, Show leads us on a word-playful journey

through the clever and absurd over your house and forcing your drunk grandma to serve him hors d’oeuvres, swinging an episode with a “big girl” who smokes his futon into a futon rug and, finally, his unforgettable, exasperated exclamation, “I ain’t mean to snap at ya. But I’m stressed out like Nas. Man, I’m gon’ back to Africa!”

By contrast, Showdown is a series of outlandish one-liners that follows over her’s boasts of being able to “sex girls as big as apes” and “go to midwest strip clubs and give half-dollar tips.”

Meanwhile, a rapping, descending, bass-line and extra crispy shorts match Show’s hysterical energy measure for measure.



Photo by Rachelle Clinton

Showdown

Billboard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

WESTFIELD — The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs presents blues singer Rob Paparozzi and The Hudson River Blues at Echo Lake Park, part of the Union County Summer Arts Festival. 7:30 p.m. (908) 527-4900.

NEW YORK — The Blue Note Jazz Club presents Baden Powell and The Last Gardener. 9 p.m. (212) 475-1552.

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Jon Davis and bass player Pat O'Leary through Aug. 28. 8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

NEW YORK — WQCD-FM (103.1) presents "The Lincoln Jazz Concert" at the World Trade Center Austin Tobin Plaza. Starting singer Jon Lucien. 12 p.m. (212) 414-1018.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center's "Out of Doors Festival" presents the New York Baroque Dance Company. Call (212) 875-5045 for time and information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

BLOOMFIELD — The Essex County's Free Summer Concert Series presents New Power Soul and former lead singer of the Shirelles Shirley Maize. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

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NEW YORK — Lincoln Center's "Out of Doors" Festival presents tribute concert to John Coltrane and Reggie Workman. Call (212) 875-5045 for time and information.

NEWARK — The Newark Downtown District and the Newark Municipal Council presents the Black Wood Blues Band at Military Park, part of the Sweet City Summer Luncheon Concert Series. 12 p.m. (973) 739-1800.

NEWARK — The City of Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs presents R&B singer Loretta Youngblood at Military Park, part of the Friday Evening Swing Concert Series. 5:30 p.m. (973) 733-5454.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

ELIZABETH — The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs presents summer jazz featuring Bluh, Messina, and The Chaitin Trio at the Elizabeth Public Library. 2:15 p.m. (908) 354-8300.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

NEW YORK — The Blue Note Jazz Club presents Mondays at the Blue Note featuring Art Sgouros and Her Trio. 8 p.m. (212) 475-8592.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

ORANGE — The Essex County Free Summer Concert Series presents "Jazz Under the Stars" featuring Ragtime and Company. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

NEW YORK — The Knickerbocker Bar and Grill presents pianist Steve Kuhn, bass player David Rick, and drummer Billy Drummond through Sept. 11. 8 p.m. (212) 228-8490.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

BLOOMFIELD — The Essex County Free Summer Concert presents Sleepin' Out and the Drifters at Brookside Park. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

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NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents Jay Leno live, with music from The Second Anniversary Gala. Celebrating NJ-PAC's 25th Anniversary with an evening hosted by America's king of comedy who welcomes a variety of special music guests. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents Bobby McFerrin, solo a cappella concert. A Metropolitan area exclusive appearance and an NJ-PAC debut. This event is part of the ATAT Premier Artist Series. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents Latin Jazz. Featuring The Chulo, Chacho Vialles Quintet and The Danilo Perez Trio. 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJ-PAC.

Be amused by the "Muse"



Photos by Elliot Marks

Sharon Stone (left), Jeff Bridges with Albert Brooks (upper right, l-r) and Andie MacDowell (lower right with Stone) star in the Albert Brooks comedy, "The Muse."

She has the lineage of a goddess, a touch of the diva, good story sense, the basic instincts of a free-loader, and the look of love.

When she was made, the mold was broken. Who is this woman? 100 percent pure Muse. Only on Mount Olympus? Hardly - the cell phone reception up there is so erratic. Only in Hollywood.

"The Muse" is the new film from one of America's premiere humorists, Albert Brooks. Writer/director Brooks brings his incisive wit at social satire (seen and heard in Mother, defending Your Life, Lost in America, Modern Romance, and Real Life) to the telling of a timeless tale set in present-day Los Angeles.

One fine night, Hollywood screenwriter Steven Phillips (Albert Brooks) basks in the honor of a humanitarian award, presented to him at a black-tie dinner as his proud wife Laura (Andie MacDowell) and daughters look on.

One crappy morning later, a junior studio executive is telling Steven that he's lost his creative "edge," and releases Steven from his contract. Steven's confidence is shaken - he wants to work, but how can he, if word is out that he's over?

Desperately seeking success, Steven visits his friend, enviably successful screenwriter Jack Warwick (Jeff Bridges) at Jack's Bel Air estate.

Jack confides to Steven that he himself was inspired by his ongoing success. Not by a muse, but by a Muse.

Steven is incredulous as Jack tells him of Sarah (Sharon Stone), one of the nine daughters ("The Muses") of the god Zeus (of Greek mythology fame).

The Muses inspire creativity - and one, Sarah, has alighted in Hollywood. Steven is soon consumed by the prospect of becoming one of Sarah's clients. As a favor, Jack agrees to set up a meeting between Sarah and Steven.

The meeting, held in a guest house where Sarah is staying, gets off to a shaky start, but Sarah soon puts Steven at ease.

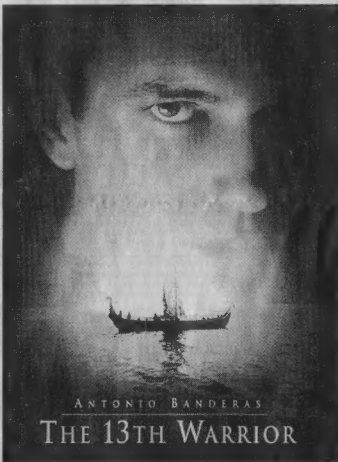
In her capacity as Muse, Sarah explains, she does not do any actual work herself, but helps filmmakers get in touch with their own inner creativity.

Sarah agrees to take Steven on as a client, but not before detailing her needs - food, lodging, car and driver, 24-hour access to Steven by phone, etc.

Perks notwithstanding, Steven impatient to get inspired, eagerly closes the deal. Closer to home, despite her misgivings, Laura accepts Sarah into the Phillips household.

As Steven's wife and Muse become fast friends, he realizes that their lives and work will never be the same again.

Join the adventure with Antonio Banderas and "The 13th Warrior"

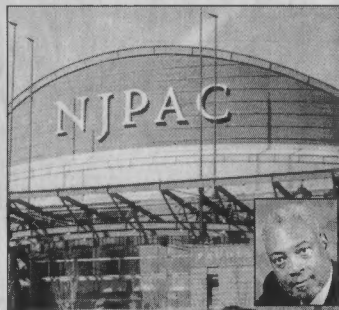


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(Left) Antonio Banderas and the Nordic warriors (right) star in Touchstone Pictures', "The 13th Warrior."

Touchstone Pictures' newest release, "The 13th Warrior," starring Antonio Banderas, Diane Venora, and Omar Sharif opens at theaters nationwide August 27th. Based on award-winning author Michael Crichton's best-selling novel, "Eaters of the Dead" — Touchstone Pictures' "The 13th Warrior" is an exciting and unforgettable adventure-thriller. The story of Ahmed Ibn Fahdlan (Antonio Banderas), an important emissary who is banished from his homeland, the fanatic outcast comes across a band of Norse warriors who coerce him into joining them when they are summoned to fight mysterious creatures legendary for consuming everything in their path. Eventually surrounded by the frightening and ferocious foe, Ahmed must conquer his personal fears and help battle the illusive invaders who emerge out of the shroud of fog in the black of night.

Leon Denmark named Vice President of Programming



New Jersey Performing Arts Center

NEWARK — Leon Denmark, former executive director of the famed Apollo Theatre in Harlem and producing director of the Negro Ensemble Company, has been named Vice President for Programming of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC). Denmark, who also served as executive director of Newark's Symphony Hall, produced the Pulitzer Prize-winning work *A Soldier Play* by Charles Frazier which ran Off-Broadway for one-and-a-half and enjoyed a two-year national and international tour.

Celebrate Hispanic Month with Thirteen/WNET

Thirteen/WNET celebrates the contributions of Latinos to our shared national identity with the 10th anniversary season of Cantos Latinos, an electric mix of documentary and performance specials airing in September. Thirteen's Rafael Pi Roman hosts the month-long celebration, which begins Thursday, September 2. Premiere highlights include:

Friday, Sept. 10

10-11 p.m. Rumba, Rum... And The Problem of Staying Alive tells the story of a dancer with the Raices Profundas Dance Company in Havana who uses music - and the rumba - to combat the struggles of daily life in Cuba.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

9-10:15 p.m. In Lagrimas Negras (Black Tears) award-winning filmmaker Sonia Herman Doiz follows the Cuban music sensation La Vieja Trove Santiaguera (Old Santiago Troubadours) during their European tour.

10-11:15 p.m.

El Dia Que Me Quieras (The Day You Love Me), an evocative documentary on the famous photograph taken on the revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara after his assassination in Bolivia, presents a riveting exploration of death and the power of photography.

Sunday, Sept. 26

12-1:30 a.m. Café Con Leche is a revealing portrait of young Cuban-Americans - or "Generation N," the Latino "Generation X," who strive to preserve the traditions of a lost homeland as they forge a new "American" identity.

Monday, Sept. 27

12-1 a.m. (part 1) The Border, a compelling program that tells six diverse 1-2 a.m. (part 2) stories about the evolving relationship between the United States and Mexico, and the ways in which "border issues" affect life in America, narrated by journalist John Quinones of the TV newsmagazine 20/20.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

In The Kennedy Center Presents: The Americanos Concert, Gloria Estefan, Susana Baca, Sheila E., Jose Feliciano, Paquito D'Rivera and Israel Lopez "Cachao" lead an all-star celebration of Latin music and culture.



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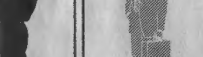


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Thirteen/WNET celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with the 10th anniversary season of Cantos Latinos, an electric blend of documentary and performance specials including, Lagrimas Negras (top), The Border (bottom left) and El Dia Que Me Quieres.

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The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Union Township Commuter Railroad Station. The EA includes an assessment of the social, economic, and environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction of a new commuter railroad station, parking facilities, and associated facilities on NJ TRANSIT's Atlantic Valley Rail Line in Union County, New Jersey. The station, as proposed, would be built on a site of the currently operating Raritan River facility, which is located southwest of the intersection between the rail line and Morris Avenue (State Route 82). The site is composed of Lots 3 & 4 Block 1105 as shown on the tax map for Union Township. The project is being funded by the Federal Transportation Administration under the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century and the State of New Jersey.

The proposed action would include construction of an approximately 2,400 square foot station building, 545 foot-long high-level center island platform, pedestrian underpass, two parking lots with a total of 488 spaces, and associated passenger amenities. A copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Commuter Railroad Station and Parking Lot, Union Township Railroad Station is available for review and comment by any individual, citizen group or public agency during normal business hours at the following locations:

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Interested persons may submit, in writing, comments concerning the findings of the environmental assessment or any additional relevant information to the project. Comments must be submitted to NJ TRANSIT at the above address by September 20, 1999.

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Tiger is a reluctant role model

By Gregory Moore

Black folks are an interesting and complex lot. Any attempt to reduce our divergent views and sentiments as African-Americans on any given subject can be a tricky and complex matter.

This is especially true when you consider our relationship with and view of professional golfer phenomenon Eldrick "Tiger" Woods.

Woods, who is biracial, (half-black and half-Thai) has not exactly been the second coming of Muhammad Ali on the social issue front. And since turning pro, Woods has strenuously resisted any efforts to identify him too closely with the black community.

Yet, despite the many suspicions which African-Americans harbor with regard to the extent to which Woods is "down," black folks, by and large, still take pride in Woods' accomplishments as a black golfer.

My sense is that although some blacks may have problems with Tiger's personal identification with us as a community, we still manage to suspend our reservations about Tiger the "brother" and take pride in Tiger the golfer.

We root for Tiger, but not in the way we rooted for Muhammad Ali or Jackie Robinson, who were warmly embraced as members of the extended black family. Rather, Tiger's like the estranged family member who you might have lost contact with, but yet keep tabs on from afar.

You root for that relative not because of a rich personal

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relationship shared, but because, on a fundamental level, you realize that you are them and that they are you. You also realize that nothing can change this fundamental truth.

Regardless of how Tiger chooses to view or call himself, black folks will continue to pull for Woods so long as America retains its unswerving preoccupation with race. We realize that everything Tiger accomplishes on the golf course inures to the benefit of blacks because in the eyes of America, Woods has been, is, and will probably always be viewed as a black golfer.

And so we pull for Tiger; we savor the fact that this black kid is currently the top-rated golfer in the world.

We nonchalantly ask one another after a particularly sensational performance by Woods, if we caught Tiger on the tube the other day. We cease our channel surfing for the briefest moment if we stumble upon Woods at the tee.

We savor the sight of this dark man kicking the butts of his hilly-white counterparts in a game requiring intelligence, judgment, patience and poise — characteristics many white Americans do not always associate with African-Americans.

Although Woods may have a long way to go before he enjoys the level of reverence paid to pioneers like Ali and Robinson, Woods should know that in the interim, black folks are watching and enjoying what they see.

On tap with the Scarlet Knights

Let's get ready to rumble! Join the Rutgers Scarlet Knights and the "absolute loyal" fans in welcoming the 1999 season. Last year the football team recorded the second-best turnaround in Division I-A football, finishing with a 5-6 record. It was the most wins for RU since 1994.

The team was better in nearly every facet of the game.

The dramatic improvements helped head coach Terry Shea earn Big East Coach of the Year honors.

The Scarlet Knights return 48 letter winners and 15 starters as RU looks to continue the upward swing of the program.

Offense starters are Jacki Crooks, Mike DeLuca, Mike McMahon, Shaun O'Hara, Tosefa Pusanuli, and Dennis Thomas.

The defensive starting line is Mike Behl, Ansel George-Shields, Tarell Freency, Wayne Hampton, Ben Martin, Jabari Moore, Marcus Perry, Garrett Shea, and Dax Strohmeier.

On defense nine starters return on this side of the ball, led by All-Big East performer Wayne Hampton. The senior defensive end had 81 tackles last season, second among Big East ends and linemen. Sophomore Marcus Perry is at left end after starting nine games a year ago.

Two seniors can be found at the tackle spots — Ansel George-Shields (66 tackles) and Mike Behl (39). Senior Karl Mayall, junior Julian Ross and sophomore Bill Tulloch will provide depth up front.

Two seniors anchor the line-backing group. As inside line-

backer, Jabari Moore was sixth among Big East linebackers with 101 total tackles. Outside, Dax Strohmeier finished with 84 stops, including a team-high five sacks. RU must replace inside linebacker Aaron Brady, who had 137 tackles last year.

Competing for playing time will be senior Mike Pridgen and juniors Wesley Robinson and Tarell Freency.

Offense begins with junior quarterbacks Mike McMahon. One of the top signal callers in the Big East, he had 2,203 passing yards and 12 touchdowns a year ago. He is second among returning league quarterbacks.

(Marc Bulger, WVU) with a 200.3-yard per game average. After only 20 career

starts, McMahon is already in the top 10 in several RU career passing categories. Senior Mike Jones will be the backup.

At running back, Jacki Crooks is the leading returning rusher in the Big East. He was fourth in the league in 1998 with 821 yards rushing, 5.2 yards per carry.

Crooks averaged 144 yards over his last four contests. Crooks has been the team's leading rusher each of the last two seasons.

The offensive line is led by Shaun O'Hara. An All-Big East second Team pick at guard last season, the 6-4, 285 pound senior has proven to be a versatile performer and will see action at tackle.

Sept. 4 is the official kick-off date for the New Brunswick Scarlet Knights and awaiting fans.

Rutgers Scarlet Knights 1999 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent
09/04/99	at Cal-Berkeley
09/11/99	Texas
09/25/99	Boston College
10/02/99	at Wake Forest
10/09/99	Virginia Tech
10/16/99	at West Virginia
10/23/99	Pittsburgh
10/30/99	at Temple
11/06/99	Navy
11/13/99	Syracuse
11/20/99	at Miami

Cablevision donates Mets tickets to youth

NEWARK — Cablevision, Fox Sports NY and the Mets combined recently to distribute courtesy tickets throughout New Jersey as part of the regional sport programming network's "Are you ready for education?" campaign, a program designed to accent the value of education to young people.

Cablevision of Newark recently gave tickets to local community groups in Newark and South Orange like the North Ward Center, The Countinho Foundation, the Newark Pop Warner Football Program, UCC Westside Park Center, First Baptist Church and the JESPU House.

Over 3,000 tickets were distributed by Cablevision across the state to local youth groups, non-profit agencies and local recreation departments. "We are definitely excited to be in a position to assist Fox Sports and the Mets in this worthwhile summertime campaign," said Don Viapere, Cablevision of Newark's Manager of Public and Government Affairs.

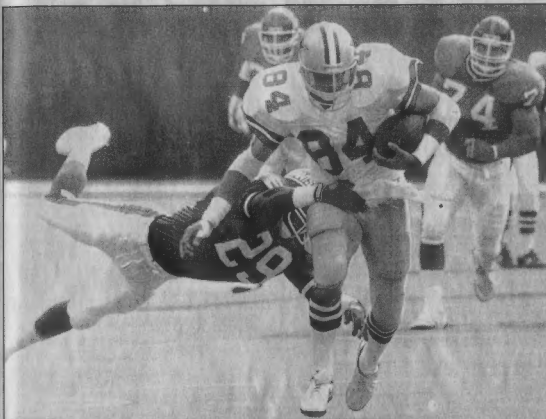


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Football players are ready for the 1999 season and so are the fans. City News will keep you close to your favorite teams with the fall-season schedules.

Kean University's 1999 Football Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday	9/11/99	at Rensselaer	1:00 p.m.
Friday	9/17/99	Cortland State	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/1/99	William Paterson	7:00 p.m.
Friday	10/9/99	at Montclair State	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/16/99	New Jersey City (Homecoming)	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/23/99	at Mt. Ida	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10/30/99	at Rowan	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/6/99	Plymouth State	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	11/13/99	College of New Jersey	2:00 p.m.

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